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PREFACE

The 1984 Kuskokwim Area Annual Management Report is the twenty-fifth consecutive annual volume reporting on and detailing management activities of the Division of Commercial Fisheries staff in the Kuskokwim Area. Due to administrative changes, the 1960-1974 management reports for the Kuskokwim District appear in the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Area reports. This review emphasizes the descriptive account of the administration of the Kuskokwim Area commercial and subsistence fishery resources, as well as outlining management objectives and procedures. Although data from many special research projects are included in this report, complete documentation of these projects and results will be presented in separate reports.

Data presented in this report supercedes information found in previous management reports. An attempt has been made to correct errors in previous reports which are indicated by appropriate footnotes.

This report is organized into the following major sections:

I. Salmon Fishery

- A. Introduction. This is a general and brief description of the area, its inhabitants, fishery resources, fisheries and management practices.
- B. Area Summaries. These sections summarize current year data for the area commercial and subsistence fisheries and makes comparisons with previous years.
- C. District Reports. There are several unique and separate fisheries in the area and separate comprehensive reports are presented for each.

II. Herring Fishery

- A. Area Introduction and Fishery History. This is a general description of the area's herring stocks and fisheries.
- B. Subsistence Fishery. This section summarizes current year and historic data on the subsistence herring fishery.
- C. District Reports. There are several unique and separate fisheries in the area and separate comprehensive reports are presented for each.

III. Whitefish and Other Miscellaneous Freshwater Species Fishery

- A. Introduction. This is a brief description of the various species and harvesting and processing methods of the area's miscellaneous freshwater species fishery.
- B. Whitefish. This section presents information on whitefish including commercial catch data.

IV. Halibut Fishery

This is a brief description of Nunivak-Nelson Island Fishery.

In order to facilitate use of this report, the tabular data have been separated into current year tables and appendix tables where annual comparisons were made. Effort and catch per unit effort (C.P.U.E.) are derived as follows: total fisherman (based on the Entry Permit number, illegal fishermen are excluded) hours are computed by arbitrarily assuming that if a fisherman delivers in a fishing period, then the fisherman is assumed to have fished the complete period for as many hours as were open to commercial fishing. The resulting figure, total fishermen hours representing effort, is then divided into the catch during the same period to obtain C.P.U.E.

"Total fishermen" is the total number of fishermen who made at least one delivery during a particular season. There are a number of fishermen who deliver only once or twice during the entire season.

Commercial catch data are derived from computer tabulations of fish tickets.

The subsistence salmon catch data for 1983 and 1984 in this report contain preliminary figures. Subsistence catches reported in the 1983 Kuskokwim Annual Management Report and the 1984 subsistence catch data that has appeared in various documents was estimated in a manner (Jonrowe, 1983) that resulted in an over-estimate of the number of subsistence fishing families. The biometrics staff is examining the data base to determine what form of estimator can be used to finalize the catch estimates.

SALMON FISHERY INTRODUCTION

Area and District Boundaries

The Kuskokwim Area includes all waters of Alaska between Cape Newenham and the Naskonat Peninsula, plus Nunivak and St. Matthew Islands (Figure 1). Commercial salmon fishing is allowed by regulation in four districts in the area: District 1 consists of the Kuskokwim River from Eek Island to Mishevik Slough (Figure 2), District 2 consists of the Kuskokwim River from Mishevik Slough upriver to the Kolmakoff River near Aniak (Figure 3), District 4 consists of the waters of Kuskokwim Bay between Oyak Creek and the Arolik River adjacent to the village of Quinhagak (Figure 4), and District 5 consists of the waters of Goodnews Bay (Figure 5).

Fishery Resources

All five species of Pacific salmon are indigenous to the area: chinook or "king" salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), sockeye or "red" salmon (*O. nerka*), coho or "silver" salmon (*O. kisutch*), pink or "humpback" salmon (*O. gorbuscha*) and chum or "dog" salmon (*O. keta*). The largest populations of chinook, sockeye, coho and chum salmon are found in the Kuskokwim River drainage. Pink salmon are widely distributed throughout the area, but the lack of commercial markets has resulted in little quantitative data on the population size of this species.

Fishery History

The Kuskokwim Area commercial salmon fishery is the oldest in the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim (AYK) Region with catches reported as early as 1913. For many years, small commercial mild-cure operations were conducted in or near Kuskokwim Bay while the Kuskokwim River fishery remained virtually undeveloped. During the 1930's, when dog teams were intensely utilized for freight hauling, a commercial fishery operated in the McGrath area for the sale of dried salmon for dog food. This fishery declined with the diminishing use of dog teams. The Kuskokwim Area experienced little additional commercial effort until Alaska became a state more than 20 years later (Appendix Table 1).

The commercial salmon industry has grown significantly since statehood as area fishermen have been making the difficult transition from a subsistence culture to a cash economy. This has resulted in a tremendous increase in the number of fishermen sustaining their effort throughout the season. This can be seen in the increase in the number of fishermen who participated in the salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim Area (Appendix Table 2).

A semi-dory hull with a 4 to 5 foot wide bottom; measuring 6 to 8 feet wide at the gunwales and averaging 22 feet in length is the archetype vessel. These outboard powered boats are constructed by the fishermen of exterior grade 3/4 inch plywood (marine plywood is gaining in

popularity in recent years) and dimensional framing lumber. As Appendix Table 3 shows the average length has remained 22 feet while the horsepower has increased to 60 in recent years. The other change that is evident is the increase in aluminum and fiberglass manufactured hulls instead of the home-made wooden skiffs (Appendix Table 3). The trend toward increasing horsepower, more efficient hull types, and increased number of tenders (Appendix Table 3) has greatly improved the efficiency of the fleet. The overall expansion of the commercial fishery could not have been accomplished without the improvements in processing facilities that have occurred throughout the area.

The efficiency of the fleet has also been enhanced by the increased utilization of more efficient nylon and plastic drift gillnets. These gillnets are limited by regulation to 50 fathoms in length. Gillnets with a mesh size greater than 6 inches may not exceed 35 meshes in depth. Gillnets of 6 inch or less mesh size may not exceed 45 meshes in depth. Table 1 presents a summary of the gillnet specifications of nets sold during the 1984 season. The preferred colors are various shades of green.

Management Program

The Division of Commercial Fisheries (D.C.F.) of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) is responsible for the management of the commercial and subsistence fisheries within the Kuskokwim Area. The permanent staff assigned to this area includes one area management biologist, one assistant area biologist, three project biologists and a clerk-typist. In addition, 18 seasonal employees are employed to assist the non-seasonal staff in conducting various management efforts and research studies.

The main objective of the Department's program is to manage the subsistence and commercial salmon fisheries on a sustained yield basis in accordance with policies set forth by the Alaska Board of Fisheries, including assignment of subsistence as the highest priority among beneficial uses of the resource. Present commercial fishing regulations and management strategies have been developed to insure that sufficient fish are provided for the subsistence fishery and spawning ground requirements.

Due to the vast size of the area and the turbid nature of many streams, accurate estimates of the size of salmon returns and the spawning escapements are difficult to obtain. Fishery management is also hampered by the relative lack of comparative catch and return information since most of the fisheries have been expanding since their initiation. The management problem is further compounded by having to provide sufficient escapement after commercial fishing for the important subsistence fishery as well as for spawning purposes. In recent years, as the data base for the various escapement projects has expanded, it has become possible to use the projects for in-season management by analysis of migratory timing.

It has been a policy of ADF&G to conservatively increase the recent levels of commercial utilization for a few years in order to establish definite trends in the relationship between catch and return. If the escapement indices do not indicate a declining population and there is no apparent conflict in the catch allocation between the subsistence and commercial fisheries, then the commercial harvest guideline is increased. Commercial harvest guidelines are established based on the historical production of the district which is determined by the combining of subsistence and commercial catches, and escapement indices.

Adjustments of the time allowed for commercial fishing is the primary method of distributing the harvest throughout the return to avoid over-harvesting discreet stocks, to stay within the harvest guidelines, and to allow sufficient fishing time for the subsistence fishery. Depending on the species, district and return magnitude commercial fishing periods vary between 6 to 12 hours in length. Adjustments of commercial fishing time are made during the season in response to return magnitude as indicated by commercial catch data and various Department field studies. A recently established Department test fishing program near Bethel has provided promising new information on return timing and magnitude. Evaluation of annual spawning escapements is accomplished through aerial surveys of "key" streams and lakes throughout the area, a weir project in the Holitna drainage, sonar counters on the Aniak and Kanektok Rivers and a counting tower on the Goodnews River.

In 1983, provisional salmon spawning escapement objectives were established for the area's major spawning systems. These objectives were established based on the average aerial survey indices obtained in these systems under good to fair survey conditions since 1960 (Appendix Table 9). The objectives are considered to represent the escapement levels needed to maintain the salmon returns at past levels and may require future adjustment to maximize salmon production. Spawning escapement assessment is being emphasized in the Department's program to provide greater species and geographic coverage than has been possible in the past.

It should be pointed out that increases in commercial fishing effort and efficiency have occurred that have balanced the declines in subsistence utilization and the increases in harvest guidelines. This has resulted in present regulations being maintained or in some cases the regulations becoming more restrictive.

A problem special to the area is the language barrier. Many of the people cannot read or speak English or more often English is a second language. This requires the staff to be careful not to use jargon or metaphors that are outside the experience of the majority of people. Translators often must be used at public meetings but accurate translations are difficult, particularly under the sometimes stressful conditions of the meetings. In addition, many special regulation notices are broadcast over local radio stations in English and Yup'ik languages.

To assist in the information and education program, a weekly fishery program is broadcast over radio station KYUK in Bethel during the summer months. Additionally, the Department contributes to a weekly newspaper, The Tundra Drums.

SALMON
Area Summary--Commercial Fisheries

Fishing Effort

In recent years, fishermen participation levels have risen in the lower Kuskokwim River (District 1) and Quinhagak (District 4) which have become the centers for most Kuskokwim Area fishermen. This is due to the close proximity to population centers and the liberal harvest guidelines associated with these fisheries. Goodnews Bay (District 5) has also been showing a slight increase in effort in recent years which is partially due to improved marketing availability in this fishery. The middle Kuskokwim River (District 2) has been relatively stable. The poor marketing opportunities in District 2 are primarily caused by the reduced quality of the salmon as they ascend the Kuskokwim River. A summary of the effort levels in these districts is presented in Appendix Table 2.

Recent increases in fishing effort may appear to be somewhat of a contradiction considering that 835 permits were issued in 1976 to fishermen based on points earned by past participation in the fishery by the Limited Entry Commission. No other permits have been available since that time. In January of 1984, the total number of permits was 831 since 4 permits had been revoked by the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission because of administrative error, forfeit, or criminal action. 1/ In 1976, all 835 permits were held by Alaskan residents, in January 1984, 828 of the 831 permits were owned by Alaskan Residents.^{1/} Some families were eligible for more than one permit, likewise many elderly fishermen were eligible. Many of these fishermen, after having received a permit, did not immediately participate in the fishery. These inactive permits have since been transferred and/or sold to more aggressive fishermen. In 1984, 813 Kuskokwim Area permits were renewed (Table 2), only 744 of these permits were used and 90 percent (798) of these fishermen were residents of the area (Table 2).

Kuskokwim Area permit holders are allowed to move freely between districts so the district participation data does not correspond with the total number of permits renewed in the area since some fishermen fish in more than one district and, therefore, are counted more than once. The total number of fishermen making at least one delivery in the area in 1984 was 744 (Appendix Table 2).

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Catches

The 1984 season total commercial catch of salmon was the largest on record exceeding the previous record catch by 28 percent. The total harvest of 1,497,662 salmon was composed of 74,006 chinook, 81,307 sockeye, 829,965 coho, 23,902 pink and 488,482 chum salmon (Table 3). The coho salmon catches in all four districts were the largest on record and were partially responsible for the record harvest in 1984. The catches of the other species were similar to or above the previous five-year averages (Appendix Table 4).

Kuskokwim Area fishermen received a record of approximately \$5,809,000 for their 1984 catch (Appendix Table 5). The average price per pound paid to the fishermen was \$0.89 for chinook, \$0.52 for sockeye, \$0.55 for coho, \$0.07 for pink and \$0.28 for chum salmon (Appendix Table 6). The salmon prices were higher in 1984 than previous years for all species except for chum salmon (Appendix Table 6). The average Kuskokwim Area fishermen earned approximately \$7,505 in 1984.

The chinook salmon catch of 74,006 (Table 3) was 104 percent of the previous five-year average of 70,885 (Appendix Table 1). This was primarily due to the above average chinook salmon catches in Districts 4 and 5 (Appendix Table 4).

The commercial sockeye salmon catch of 81,307 (Table 3) was 108 percent of the previous five-year average (Appendix Table 1). This was due primarily to the improved species identification of sockeye salmon in the catch in Districts 1 and 2 which began in 1981. As a result, the previous five-year average still includes two years (1979 and 1980) in which most Kuskokwim River sockeye salmon were reported as chum salmon. This artificially lowers the five-year average for sockeye salmon and raises the five year average for chum salmon.

The commercial coho salmon catch of 829,965 (Table 3) was a record in all districts and 240 percent of the previous five-year average of 346,329 (Appendix Table 1). The Kuskokwim River districts' catch was 241 percent, while the catches in District 4 and District 5 were 390 percent and 482 percent, respectively, of the previous five-year averages (Appendix Table 4). The record catches were made possible by the largest coho salmon return in the history of the fishery combined with the processing capability to handle the catch and improved management techniques that allowed the identification of the large return in-season. In even numbered years since 1978, the coho salmon returns have been showing a steady increase in magnitude. Environmental conditions are one reason for this increase, but the exclusion of the high seas salmon fleet from a portion of the North Pacific Ocean in 1978 significantly reduced their coho salmon catch. It is believed that this reduction in interception contributed to the increase in return magnitude. The reason for the failure of the odd year coho salmon returns to display a similar increase is unknown.

The pink salmon harvest of 23,902 (Table 3) was 239 percent of the previous five year average of 9,996 (Appendix Table 1). The pink salmon in the Kuskokwim Area show a high return in even years which makes the previous 5-year average rather meaningless. In addition,

pink salmon are purchased as a "bonus" by most area processors. Most of these fish are given away or disposed of and not exported from the area for sale. Due to the small average size of most of the area's salmon fishing vessels, pink salmon are often not retained by fishermen if the space saved can be used for more profitable species.

The chum salmon catch of 488,482 (Table 3) was 124 percent (Appendix Table 1) of the previous five-year average. This large catch was due primarily to the strong return to all four districts (Appendix Table 4).

Buyers and Processors

There were 13 salmon buyers and processors that operated during 1984 in the Kuskokwim Area (Table 5). Eight companies operated for varying lengths of time during the salmon season in the Kuskokwim River districts. Four companies operated in District 4 and six companies operated in District 5. The available processor capacity was adequate to handle the 1984 salmon harvest in the Kuskokwim Area except in Districts 4 and 5 where there were no processors available during the last commercial opening of the season.

Appendix Table 7 shows the commercial salmon pack by species in the round since 1968. The record number of salmon harvested in 1984 resulted in a record commercial salmon pack.

Salmon are exported from the area to fresh and frozen markets. There are no canneries operating in the area, however, some of the fresh fish were flown to canneries in other areas. In addition some salmon from Bristol Bay Area were flown to Bethel for freezing in 1984.

Emergency Orders

A listing of emergency orders issued during 1984 season describing actions taken and a justification of each is presented in Table 6.

Enforcement

The Department and public worked diligently with the Division of Fish and Wildlife Protection (Department of Public Safety) to conduct a comprehensive enforcement program. The public provided important information on several cases in 1984. Major problems were: commercial/subsistence fishing during closed periods (28 cases), commercial fishing without proper licensing (19 cases) and assorted other violations. Compliance in general appears to continue to improve since 13¹/₂ cases were initiated in 1982, 82 cases in 1983 and 68 cases in 1984.^{2/}

^{2/} Rogers, pers comm.

As in the past, the Department of Fish and Game vigorously pursued a program of informing the public of regulation changes by utilizing the local radio and television station, citizen band (C.B.) radio, telephone and personal contact.

SALMON FISHERY AREA SUMMARY--Subsistence Fishery

Introduction

The DCF staff of the ADF&G is responsible for the management of the subsistence fisheries within the Kuskokwim Area. Area residents have long depended upon fishery resources as a source of food. Traditional fishing methods and materials limited the size and scope of the early fishery. Spears, dip nets, hook and line, fish traps and willow or caribou strip gill nets have been supplanted by efficient nylon gill nets. Although some communities and some individuals continue to use traditional gear. Herring, whitefish, cisco, blackfish, pike, burbot and sheefish (see Appendix Table 8) have been historically utilized along with salmon for subsistence. The regulations are very liberal for any species; no permits are required and for all species other than salmon only general statewide regulations restrict methods and means.

In recent years, the more intensive use of salmon for subsistence and commercial fisheries has resulted in some regulation of the subsistence salmon fishery to prevent illegal commercial fishing under the guise of subsistence fishing. As a result, there are closed subsistence fishing periods in Districts 1, 4 and 5 immediately before, during and after commercial fishing periods.

Harvest Documentation

Calendars on which to record daily salmon catches are sent to known subsistence fishing households annually. These are then collected and further catch information obtained during household surveys conducted following the chinook, sockeye and chum salmon return. In 1983 and 1984, there were no funds allocated to the Kuskokwim Area subsistence survey project. Because the subsistence harvest is a major portion of the total catch and of great importance to the local economy, an effort was made to collect as much data as possible using existing staff and funds. This required a departure from the total census of nearly all fishing villages undertaken in previous years. Instead, the subsistence salmon harvest was estimated from a census conducted in a subsample of villages. In 1983 due to the unexpected funding cut, the surveyed villages were chosen because of ease of accessibility to existing personnel and projects. In 1984, the sampled villages censused had taken the largest portion of the chinook salmon catch in previous years. In both years, census data was available from the Subsistence Division (SD) on villages in which they were conducting studies and from the three villages censused by existing CFD Staff in Districts 4 and 5. A small number of households returned their catch calendars (calendars were prepared and mailed in both years) and this information was used where possible.

During the village surveys, all available households were contacted and harvest data obtained. Prior to 1983, uncontacted households were classified as "fished" or "did not fish" based on information provided by the households contacted in the village. The total catch for the village was then estimated by assuming that the uncontacted households that were reported as having fished had taken the household average catch of the contacted households that had fished. Households which had not been contacted and for which no information on their fishing activities were available were assumed to not have fished.

In 1983 and 1984, due to an oversight, the information on the whether or not the uncontacted households had fished was not collected by the CF interviewers in the Kuskokwim River villages. Following a careful review of the expansion technique used in 1983 (Jonrowe, 1984) and in-season in 1984 by the CFD and SD, it was determined that it resulted in an overestimate. The error came about through using the calendar mailing list as the basis for the total number of households in the village. This mailing list has never been maintained for that purpose and as a result caused an overestimate of the number of fishing households among the uncontacted fishing households. The catch in the sampled villages was then divided by the recent three year average (1980-1982) proportion of the subsistence catch recorded during the fall census. This procedure was also carefully reviewed and was found to give a similar (but lower value) than a linear regression estimator for lower Kuskokwim chinook salmon. The proportion estimator had a very large confidence interval while the regression estimator provided a much smaller confidence interval. The linear regression estimator could not be used to estimate catch because the regressions for other strata (other salmon, middle and upper river chinook salmon, etc.) failed to provide significant relationships between surveyed village catches and total stratum catches.

The preliminary figures provided in this report for 1983 and 1984 were derived by using the five year average (1978-1982) number of subsistence fishing households in the sampled villages as the number of fishing households in the village (Table 7). The number of fishing households found in the census was then subtracted from the five year average to determine the number of uncontacted fishing households (Tables 8 and 9). The known catch was then expanded to the total catch by the previously described proportion of catch method (Tables 10 and 11). These figures are comparable to the data collected by the previous census technique. However, these figures are probably low since several villages (see footnotes in Tables 8 and 9) had as many or more fishing households than the previous five year average in spite of not all of the households being contacted. In addition, where the more accurate linear regression estimator worked, somewhat higher values were obtained. In addition, several villages in the upper Kuskokwim Drainage and in Kuskokwim Bay have not been surveyed in the past so their catches are not included in the total harvest estimates. The preliminary figures for the Kuskokwim River subsistence catch 1983 and 1984 have been rounded to the nearest hundred of fish to make them easily discernible from the previously collected census data.

The Kuskokwim River is divided into three strata; the lower Kuskokwim which corresponds to commercial fishing District 1 (see Figure 2), the middle Kuskokwim River which corresponds to commercial fishing District 2 (see Figure 3), and the upper Kuskokwim River which consists of the rest of the drainage above the Kolmakoff River (Figure 1). This stratification places villages subject to similar effects of commercial fishing and subsistence regulations into the same strata. The upper Kuskokwim River harvest has only been documented by CFD to the village of Stony River in most prior years. In recent years, SD has provided data on selected villages above Stony River.

Catches

The 1984 total subsistence salmon catch of 228,546 was 103 percent of the previous five year average of 221,356 (Appendix Table 1).

DISTRICT REPORTS Kuskokwim River Commercial Fishery

Two commercial fishing districts (Districts 1 and 2) depend on Kuskokwim River stocks. The greatest amount of fishing effort and the largest commercial salmon catches occur within the 106 mile-long District 1 (Appendix Table 10). There are 12 villages and at least 15 temporary fish camps located within the boundaries of this district. District 2, which contains five villages, has a small commercial fishery limited by regulatory guideline harvest levels.

Set and drift gill nets are the legal commercial gear that can be operated in the Kuskokwim River. The gill nets cannot exceed 50 fathoms in length. There are no mesh size restrictions on nets operated in District 1 and 2 through 25 June, most nets used during this time consist of eight inch stretched mesh nylon webbing (Table 1). After 25 June, a six-inch maximum mesh size restriction is in effect in Districts 1 and 2 and most nets are 5 1/2 inch stretched nylon mesh (Table 1). The portion of District 1 above Bethel is also closed to commercial salmon fishing between 26 June and 31 July.

Lower Kuskokwim River commercial fishermen operate highly mobile drift gill nets. This type of fishing involves laying out 35 to 50 fathoms of gill net from a skiff and then drifting with the river current. Drift net fishing requires a section of river that is relatively free of snags. Set gill nets are not utilized to a great extent by commercial fishermen and are used mainly for subsistence fishing. Commercial set gill nets are fished in small eddies along the bank of the Kuskokwim River and larger eddies out in the main river. Set gill netting is done with much shorter nets, usually 5 to 15 fathoms in length.

Several important regulations affecting commercial fishing effort in District 1 are:

- 1) Until 26 June, commercial fishing periods are regulated by emergency order. This allows scheduling of the chinook

salmon harvest to provide for the subsistence fishery and effort to be regulated according to the variable magnitude of the chinook salmon return.

- 2) From 26 June through 31 July commercial fishing periods are from 1800 hours to 2400 hours on Monday and Thursday by regulation to allow for the development of the chum salmon fishery.
- 3) Commercial fishing is allowed only below Bethel (the lower 86 miles of river) during the "chum salmon season" (26 June to 31 July). Restricting fishing to the lower portion of the district enhances fish quality, helps prevent excessive harvest and wastage, and allows subsistence demands to be met.
- 4) After 31 July, commercial fishing periods are again regulated by emergency order. This allows fishing effort to be regulated according to the variable magnitude of the coho salmon run.

Commercial fishermen in District 2 operate under conservative regulatory harvest guidelines of 2,000 to 4,000 chinook salmon; 4,000 to 8,000 chum salmon; and 2,000 to 4,000 coho salmon. The majority of commercial catches are taken in the Kalskag area. All commercial fishing periods in District 2 are established by emergency order. The periods are typically six hours in duration as in District 1. In addition, the periods in District 2 are simultaneous with the commercial periods in District 1 to prevent massive effort shifts and resulting overharvest of salmon stocks in District 2. The first commercial period in District 2 normally occurs three to four days following the first opening in District 1 to allow the peak of the chinook salmon return to enter the district.

District 1:

Commercial salmon fishing opened in District 1 on 18 June and this was the latest opening in the history of the fishery. Environmental factors and subsistence catch information indicated that the salmon migratory timing was late (Appendix Table 11). By 13 June, chinook salmon catches were occurring at Aniak with subsistence catches reported as adequate by District 1 villages. The management strategy calls for the above conditions and the test fishery indicating a sustained run before the first opening. The drift test fishery was in its first year of operation on chinook salmon and catches were sporadic. The opening was announced for 18 June based on the above factors. Commercial fishing with unrestricted mesh size was limited to the usual two 6-hour fishing periods on 18 and 21 June when 17,181 chinook salmon were landed (Table 14).

The strong chum salmon catch on 21 June (Table 14) resulted in the decision to advance the restricted mesh season from its regulatory date

of 26 June to 25 June. The primary reason for this action was to maintain the Monday-Thursday fishing schedule so that the subsistence fishermen could anticipate the required closures. Commercial catch data, escapement data (Aniak and Kogrukluks rivers) and test fishing indicated a strong chum salmon return and fishing continued on the regulatory schedule until 16 July (Table 14). This was the longest restricted mesh season in the history of the fishery. Fishing was closed on 16 July when escapements and test fishing catches began to lag.

The commercial fishery was reopened on 30 July when the test fishery showed that the majority of chum salmon had passed through District 1 and that coho salmon were the primary species available. Following the second opening on 2 August, the test fishery, early escapement results and commercial catch data indicated that the coho salmon return was above average in magnitude. Fishing time was increased to nine hours on Monday and Thursday until 30 August. District 1 closes by regulation on 1 September, however, test fishing, escapement and commercial catches still indicated a harvestable surplus of salmon was available. The season was extended until 6 September by emergency order. During the final commercial fishing period on 6 September, only one processor was open to receive fish and no tender boats were on the river.

Six hundred and fifty-four commercial fishermen participated in the District 1 fishery landing 29,946 chinook; 46,571 sockeye; 605,098 coho; 2,931 pink; and 396,031 chum salmon (Table 14).

District 2:

A single 6 hour opening on 21 June was the only unrestricted mesh opening in District 2 in 1985. The chinook salmon catch was 561 (Table 15). Fishing resumed with restricted mesh on 25 June. The opening on 28 June took 13,376 chum salmon, which exceeded the harvest guideline of 4,000 to 8,000 chum salmon and brought the season total catch to 19,081 (Table 15). Due to the strong chum salmon return, another period was allowed on 2 July at which time the season was closed to maintain the Board intent to limit this fishery (Table 15).

Commercial fishing reopened on 6 August when coho salmon were the predominate species available. The harvest guideline of 2,000 to 4,000 coho salmon was exceeded with the first period's catch of 4,339 (Table 15). The Board established harvest guideline was 1 to 2 percent of the usual District 1 catch. On this basis, commercial fishing was allowed to continue until the regulatory closure on 1 September. The last two periods on 27 and 30 August had no effort due to buyers pulling out of the district. The buyers ceased operation due to other commitments and the declining quality of the catch. Fifty-eight fishermen participated in the District 2 fishery in 1984 and landed 1,796 chinook, 2,004 sockeye, 18,349 coho, 11 pink, and 27,687 chum salmon (Table 15).

Chinook salmon:

Combined annual commercial and subsistence harvests of Kuskokwim River chinook salmon averaged 52,965 fish from 1960 to 1969, but increased to 81,383 from 1970 to 1979. The combined commercial and subsistence harvest in 1984 was 88,942 chinook salmon, down from the previous (1979-1983) five year average of 95,842 (Appendix Table 12). In spite of the decline in utilization, chinook salmon escapement indices (Appendix Tables 13, 14) were poor compared to objectives (Appendix Tables 9) for the second year in a row. Annual commercial catches ranged between 30,000 and 40,000 chinook salmon from 1968 to 1972. A commercial harvest guideline, as defined in the management plan, has been kept within this range in an attempt to stabilize the fishery until additional data regarding run size and escapement has been obtained. Small returns were experienced during the years 1974, 1975, 1976 and 1983 indicating that this harvest range may have been too optimistic. Commercial harvests since 1976 have ranged from 30,000 to 48,000 fish taken throughout the season. The commercial harvest of 31,742 chinook salmon (Appendix Table 12) in 1984 resulted in escapements being 51 to 84 percent below the escapement objectives, again indicating that a harvest guideline of 30 to 40 thousand is too optimistic for normal and small returns of chinook salmon.

Sockeye Salmon:

Sockeye salmon are harvested incidentally to the other salmon in Districts 1 and 2. Historically, fishermen and processors have not accurately identified sockeye and chum salmon in their commercial or subsistence catches in the Kuskokwim River. For this reason, the true magnitude of the historic sockeye and chum salmon harvest in the Kuskokwim River has not been accurately documented. Since the 1981 season, fishermen, processors and the Department have worked together to properly identify each species in the commercial harvest. Sockeye salmon have comprised 10 to 20 percent of the chum-sockeye salmon catch since 1981. In 1984, the commercial harvest was 48,575 sockeye salmon (Appendix Table 4) which was 8.5 percent of the chum-sockeye salmon catch. The only sockeye salmon escapement program in the Kuskokwim drainage is Kogrukluik Weir. The escapement objective of 2,000 (Appendix Table 9) was exceeded with an escapement of 4,130 sockeye salmon (Appendix Table 14).

Chum Salmon:

Prior to 1971, chum salmon catches represented only fish taken incidentally to the chinook and coho salmon fisheries. A commercial chum salmon fishery was initiated in 1971 due to the following factors:

1. Early subsistence catch estimates for the period 1927-1943 indicate an average annual catch of 448,000 chum salmon, compared to an average 221,000 chum salmon taken yearly during the 1960-1970.

2. There are a minimum of 49 known chum salmon spawning tributaries. Most of these streams cannot be surveyed annually due to budget limitations and adverse stream or weather conditions. As many as 185,000 spawning chums have been counted in a single year in just three of these tributaries. These two factors indicated that the chum salmon population was large enough and productive enough to support a directed commercial fishery.

Total utilization figures (commercial plus subsistence) have increased steadily since the inception of the commercial chum salmon fishery with a record of 646,947 fish caught in 1980 (Appendix Table 15) without any major reductions in escapement.

This season's total commercial chum salmon catch of 423,718 (Appendix Table 15) was the second highest on record and only exceeded by the parent year of 1980. Chum salmon escapement objectives (Appendix Table 9) were achieved or exceeded in all systems upstream of and including the Aniak drainage (Appendix Table 13). Index streams downstream of the Aniak drainage had poor escapements (Appendix Table 13).

Coho Salmon:

The commercial coho salmon catch of 623,447 was the largest on record, 39 percent higher than the previous record 1982 harvest (Appendix Table 4). Due to comparative catch, escapement and test fishing data, which indicated that an above average return, was in progress, Districts 1 and 2 were allowed a liberal fishing schedule. District 1 was allowed eight 9-hour periods, rather than the usual 6 hour fishing periods and the season was extended for two periods beyond the regulatory 1 September closing date. District 2 was allowed to exceed the upper end of the harvest guideline range by 14,000 fish and fishing was allowed to continue until the regulatory closure on 1 September.

The only coho salmon escapement objective is for the Kogrukluk River Weir count (Appendix Table 9). The escapement objective was slightly exceeded by the 29,824 coho salmon which entered the Kogrukluk River (Appendix Table 14).

Appendix Tables 16 to 20 present more detailed comparative subsistence and commercial catch data which are primarily used for management purposes. The historic values in these tables are compared to the current year's values inseason to provide the Department with some insight into what the probable final results of the fishing season will be on the salmon stocks.

Kuskokwim Bay Commercial Fishery

There are two commercial fishing districts in Kuskokwim Bay. District 4, Quinhagak (Figure 4) and District 5, Goodnews Bay (Figure 5). The commercial fishery began in District 4 in 1960 while the District 5 fishery began in 1968. The prevailing commercial gear employed in

Districts 4 and 5 consists of drift gill nets that are fished in tidal channels radiating from the Kanektok and Arolik Rivers (District 4) or Goodnews River (District 5). Additionally, fishermen are required to use six inch or less stretched mesh nets during the entire season. This prevents the selective harvesting of the larger, more productive female chinook salmon while allowing the harvest of the more abundant and smaller male chinook, sockeye and chum salmon. Chinook, sockeye and chum salmon migration timing is nearly simultaneous in these two districts.

The village of Quinhagak is the only community within the boundaries of District 4. However, increasing numbers of lower Kuskokwim River fishermen now fish this district. This has caused an increase in fishing effort in recent years, particularly during the chinook salmon migration (Appendix Table 2).

The villages of Goodnews Bay and Platinum are located within the boundaries of District 5. The majority of the fishermen who fish in this district are from these local villages.

All commercial fishing periods in Districts 4 and 5 are established by emergency order. The periods are normally 12 hours in duration. The first commercial fishing period normally occurs between 13 and 20 June and depends on the entry pattern of chinook salmon into the Kanektok and Goodnews Rivers.

The 1984 commercial fishing season opened in District 4, Quinhagak and District 5, Goodnews Bay on 18 June with a 12 hour period from 1800 hours 18 June to 0600 19 June. These two districts remained on a schedule of two 12-hour periods per week until 11 July when District 4 was placed on a three 12-hour period per week schedule. Sockeye salmon escapement in Goodnews Bay was progressing at an acceptable rate, but could not support an increase in the rate of harvest. Therefore District 5 remained on the two 12-hour period per week schedule. On 23 July, the majority of the Goodnews Bay sockeye salmon migration had passed through the district and the magnitude of the chum and coho salmon migration appeared adequate to support an increased harvest. The schedule was increased in District 5 to three periods per week. Both districts remained on this three period per week schedule until 8 September when the season closed by regulation.

In both Kuskokwim Bay districts, only one period was missed due to a lack of buyers, this occurred on 7 September. However, several periods did experience inclement weather which hampered fishing effort.

District 4:

The 1984 commercial salmon harvest set a new season record of 252,925 salmon. The commercial catch consisted of 33,652 chinook, 17,258 sockeye, 135,342 coho, 16,249 pink and 50,424 chum salmon (Table 16). The coho salmon catch was the largest on record for this district (Appendix Table 4). All 1984 catches were above the previous five year average (Appendix Table 4). There were four processors which operated at least one fishing period in District 4 (Table 5).

A total of 260 fishermen made at least one delivery (Appendix Table 2) with a record of \$1,280,000 paid to fishermen. The average income was \$4,900 per fisherman.

The 1984 average weight of salmon and price paid in District 4 are listed in Table 4.

During the 1984 subsistence survey, all of the known subsistence fishing families were contacted. The village subsistence harvest was reported to be 3,157 chinook, 309 sockeye, 2,131 coho, 295 pink and 634 chum salmon (Table 17).

Six aerial salmon surveys were conducted on the Kanektok River during the 1984 season. The 27 July, 1984 survey was conducted at the near-peak spawning stage for both chinook and chum salmon and slightly prior to the sockeye salmon peak. A total of 11,282 chinook, 30,910 sockeye and 48,360 chum salmon were enumerated (Appendix Table 13). These surveys documented that escapement index levels for chinook salmon exceeded the aerial survey index objective established for the Kanektok River (Appendix Table 9). Both sockeye and chum salmon escapements were slightly below objectives (Appendix Table 9).

An aerial survey was flown on 26 August, 1984 and a total of 46,830 coho salmon were enumerated (Appendix Table 13). There is no adequate historical coho salmon survey data for comparison, but it is probable that this coho salmon escapement index is representative of an excellent coho salmon escapement.

The Division of Commercial Fisheries conducted a sport fish creel census from 16 June through 8 July 1984 on the Kanektok River. The census revealed a total of 614 anglers fishing 2,992 user-days and a harvest of 476 chinook, 35 sockeye, 2 coho, 27 pink and 270 chum salmon along with 32 Dolly Varden, 28 rainbow trout, 21 grayling and 8 lake trout. The results are explained in more detail in a separate project report (Snellgrove, 1984).

Additionally, a seven day float trip was conducted in early August on the Kanektok River to collect carcass samples of the escapement. The age and sex composition of the salmon carcasses sampled are presented in a more detailed separate report (Snellgrove, 1984).

District 5:

The 1984 commercial salmon harvest set a new season record of 114,313 salmon landed in the Goodnews Bay District (Appendix Table 4). The commercial catch was composed of 8,612 chinook, 15,474 sockeye, 71,176 coho, 4,711 pink and 14,340 chum salmon landed (Table 18). The coho salmon catch was the largest on record. The numbers of all other salmon caught were above the previous five year averages (Appendix Table 4). Five processors operated at least on period in District 5 this season (Table 5).

A total of 77 fishermen (Appendix Table 2) made at least one delivery in this district in 1984. The price paid to the fishermen was a record \$758,000 which provided an average income \$9,300 per fisherman.

The average fish weight and price paid in District 5 are listed in Table 4.

An estimated 3,260 chinook, 32,053 sockeye 13,744 pink, 19,003 chum and 249 coho salmon passed the middle fork Goodnews River counting tower in 1984. The chinook salmon escapement estimate met the escapement objective. The sockeye salmon estimate was 8 percent below the minimum objective and chum salmon were 6 percent above the maximum escapement objective. More detailed information on this project is presented in a separate report (Schultz, 1984).

During the 1984 subsistence survey, 22 Goodnews Bay fishing families were contacted. The reported catch was expanded to the estimated 42 fishing families in Goodnews Bay. This resulted in an estimated total subsistence catch of 629 chinook, 964 sockeye, 154 coho, 66 pink and 189 chum salmon (Table 17).

Four aerial surveys of the Goodnews River and its middle and south fork were conducted (Appendix Table 13). On 27 July, an aerial survey was conducted near the peak of spawning for chinook, sockeye and chum salmon. The aerial escapement obtained on this survey were expanded by a correction factor derived by comparing the index count above the tower on the middle fork to the tower count (Schultz, 1984). This provided an estimated total escapement of 8,743 chinook, 67,213 sockeye and 117,739 chum salmon for the Goodnews drainage. Combining the commercial and subsistence harvest with the estimated total escapement resulted in an estimated total return of 17,984 chinook, 83,651 sockeye and 132,268 chum salmon. The commercial exploitation rates were estimated at 48, 18 and 11 percent for chinook, sockeye and chum salmon, respectively (Schultz, 1984).

An aerial survey of the Goodnews River was conducted on 26 August during which 43,925 coho salmon were counted (Appendix Table 13). The majority of the coho salmon were seen in the lower portion of the river and were not yet spawning. Comparative coho salmon escapement data is not available for the Goodnews River. However, indications are that this is a good to excellent escapement index for coho salmon in the Goodnews system.

Additionally, a seven day float trip was conducted in early August on the north fork of the Goodnews River to collect carcass samples from the escapement. The age and sex of the carcasses sampled are available in a separate report (Snellgrove, 1984).

HERRING

Introduction

Pacific Herring (Clupea harengus pallasii) are known to spawn in various coastline locations of the Kuskokwim Area from Cape Newenham north to the Naskonat Peninsula. These areas include the bays and coves found along the coastline from Cape Newenham north to Carter Spit, including Security Cove, and Goodnews Bay. Additionally, spawning occurs along portions of Nunivak Island and throughout Cape Vancouver and the Northern shoreline of Nelson Island (Figure 1). The arrival of spawning herring in the Security Cove and Goodnews Bay districts usually occurs from the first to the middle part of May and continues until the first week in June. At Nunivak and Nelson Islands, the arrival and spawning of herring occurs from mid-May through mid-June.

During the late 1970's, aerial surveys of these areas indicated a trend of increasing herring abundance. This increase in abundance may be attributed to the following reasons: 1) improved survival due to less severe environmental conditions in recent years; 2) reduction of offshore foreign trawling; and 3) elimination of the near-shore Japanese gill net fishery. At that time, an interest began to develop in the commercial harvest of these herring stocks.

The subsistence use of fish and game resources has been designated by the Legislature (State Law 151) as the highest priority among beneficial users. In recognition of the subsistence harvest in the Nelson Island area and the lack of long term biological data, the Board of Fisheries has not permitted the development of a commercial fishery in that area. It was determined, however, that a harvestable surplus of herring was present in the Security Cove and Goodnews Bay at sufficient levels to support both a subsistence and conservative commercial fishery. In December of 1977, the Board of Fisheries established the present commercial fishing districts. The Security Cove District includes all waters between the northern most point of Carter Spit and Cape Newenham, excluding Goodnews Bay (Figure 6). The portion of Goodnews Bay located inside markers placed near the mouth of the Bay entrance and a line drawn between markers near the mouth of the Goodnews River describe the Goodnews Bay District (Figure 5). A regulatory structure was adopted and commercial herring fishing was opened for the first time in the spring 1978. Appendix Table 21 summarizes regulation changes affecting the herring fisheries during 1977-1984.

Appendix Table 22 shows the estimated herring biomass in metric tons from 1978 through 1984 in Security Cove and Goodnews Bay districts. Peak abundances of 19,500 mt and 6,700 mt were recorded during 1979 in the Security Cove and Goodnews Bay districts, respectively. The commercial harvest has steadily increased since the inception of these fisheries in 1978, peaking in 1981 when fishermen harvested 1,064 metric tons of herring in the Security Cove District and 596 metric tons in 1984 in the Goodnews Bay District (Appendix Table 23). These commercial districts have supported primarily sac roe and, to a lesser

extent bait herring fisheries harvested by fishermen operating set gill nets. The exception was in 1978 when seven purse seiners landed 259 metric tons of herring from the Security Cove District.

The price structure in these commercial sac roe herring fisheries is based on the roe percentage or recovery of the catch by metric ton. Roe recovery is determined primarily by industry technicians who process one or more samples from each delivery. "Immature" or "unmarketable" roe is not included in the roe weights although the weight of "immature" fish is included. A delivery of herring that is determined to have 6 percent roe recovery or less is usually sold for bait. Average roe recovery has remained fairly stable at 8.1 percent to 11.8 percent in the Security Cove District from 1979 through 1984. The Goodnews Bay District has experienced a great deal of fluctuation with an average annual roe recovery as low as 4.7 percent in 1979 and as high as 10.1 percent in 1984 (Appendix Table 23).

The peak commercial fishing effort to date for the Security Cove and Goodnews Bay districts occurred in 1980 when 175 and 165 fishermen made landings in these two districts, respectively (Appendix Table 24).

Subsistence Fishery

Coastal residents in this area have always utilized herring for subsistence purposes. Subsistence utilization of herring depends largely upon on the availability of alternative nutritional resources.

The 1984 subsistence survey of Nelson Island was not conducted because of limited funds. The villages of Nelson Island, which include Newtok, Tununak, Toksook Bay and Nightmute, have traditionally harvested herring with short gill nets. The nets are often no longer than 10 fathoms, and are operated near the villages as herring move inshore during the spring to spawn. D.C.F. has conducted a household survey in these villages from 1975 through 1982 in an effort to define the harvest and dependence on herring (Appendix Table 25). Subsistence users in these villages have shown a steady dependence on the spring herring, with an average of 77 families harvesting a minimum of 75.2 metric tons per year for the period from 1975-1981. The herring are primarily dried in strings and stored to be used throughout the remainder of the year. Fishermen tend to prefer the "second run" or the younger age class fish for this purpose because they are smaller, contain less body fat and are easier to dry. Other villages that are dependent on subsistence herring fishery to a lesser degree include Chefornek, Kipnuk, Kongiganak, Kwigillingok, Mekoryuk, Quinhagak, Goodnews Bay and Platinum.

The estimated biomass of herring in the Nelson and Nunivak Islands populations peaked at 16,074 mt in 1984 (Appendix Table 22). This biomass indicates these stocks may have recovered to a level that could support both commercial and subsistence fisheries.

Commercial Fishery

Six processors purchased herring in the Kuskokwim Area in 1984. Four companies operated in Goodnews Bay and four operated in Security Cove (Appendix Table 24). The catch was frozen and off loaded onto freight vessels present on the grounds or nearby at the Togiak herring fishery.

A total of 900 mt of herring was landed during the 1984 commercial fishing season. Herring prices ranged from \$250 per short ton for 10 percent roe recovery \pm \$25 per percent point above or below 10 percent to \$340 per short ton \pm \$50 per percentage point. Most processors established 8 percent as the minimum roe recovery for herring to be purchased. At least one company, however, purchased and dumped overboard as waste, herring of less than 8 percent since there was no market for bait-food herring.

Security Cove District:

Commercial herring fishing has been regulated by Emergency Order since 1981 to provide for a more orderly fishery and to allow for periodic reassessment of the herring biomass. The district was opened to the commercial harvest of herring on 21 May and was closed 4 June for a total fishing time of 345 hours. Total harvest was 295 mt (Table 19). Forty-seven percent of the harvest was taken on 29 May by 13 fishermen. Prior to and after this time period, the number of fishermen making deliveries ranged from 0 to 18 each day. All of the harvest was sold for sac roe. Average sac roe recovery for the season was 11.8 percent. Wastage of herring was estimated to be 10 mt. Value of harvested herring to fishermen was estimated to be \$0.1 million. Four processors, one less than 1983, purchased herring (Appendix Table 24). The first processor arrived on the grounds 22 May. A total of 38 fishermen in 39 gill net vessels participated in the 1984 fishery, the lowest on record. Area residents (i.e. fishermen living in Platinum, Goodnews Bay, Quinhagak and Bethel) accounted for 16 percent of the effort and 22 percent of the harvest (Table 20).

Overall exploitation rate of herring was 6.6 percent of estimated available biomass (Appendix Table 23). Age 6 and 7 herring comprised 79 percent of total harvest. Age 4 herring represented less than 1 percent of the commercial harvest.

Although weather conditions limited assessment capabilities, management of the 1984 commercial herring fishery occurred without major problems. Fish and Wildlife Protection vessel P/V Public Safety I was on the grounds for a portion of the season. Few violations were noted.

Goodnews Bay District:

Commercial herring fishing has been regulated by Emergency Order since 1981. The district was opened to the commercial harvest of herring on 21 May and was closed 27 May for a total fishing time of 139 hours. Total herring harvested for the season was 605 mt (Appendix Table 23).

All of the harvest was sold for sac roe. Wastage of herring was estimated at 42 mt and was attributed primarily to catches of spawn-outs. Average roe recovery was 10.1 percent. Value of harvested herring to fishermen was estimated to be \$0.2 million. Four processors purchased herring (Appendix Table 24). A total of 130 fishermen in 106 gill net vessels participated in the 1984 fishery, a 35 percent increase in fishermen (Appendix Table 24). Local fishermen (i.e. residents of Platinum, Goodnews Bay, Quinhagak and Bethel) accounted for 75 percent of the effort and about 71 percent of the harvest (Table 21). Overall exploitation rate of herring was 17.5 percent of estimated available biomass (Appendix Table 23). Age 6 and 7 herring comprised 81 percent of the total harvest. Age 4 herring accounted for less than 1 percent of the harvest.

Management of the 1984 commercial herring fishery occurred without major problems. Weather conditions permitted continuous fishing and the best stock assessment since 1981. Presence of Fish and Wildlife Protection vessel P/V Public Safety I for a portion of the season enhanced efforts to enforce regulations. Few violations were noted.

Management Strategy and Procedure

Since 1981, the management strategy in both districts has been to allow no fishing until total biomass reaches 800 to 1,000 mt and spawning has started. Fishing period occurrence and length adjusted to stock strength and roe quality by Emergency Order.

The harvest in each district is based on the statewide management strategy of a 0 to 20 percent exploitation rate of estimated biomass of spawning herring. The upper end of the range is applied to stocks in good condition (large biomass, increasing abundance, good recruitment). The lower end of the range is applied to the management of smaller stocks or stocks that are exhibiting a trend of decreasing abundance or poor recruitment. The quality of the data base including the biomass estimates is also be a determining factor in choosing the appropriate exploitation rate.

The anticipated harvest level in 1984 was for a 20 percent exploitation rate. That exploitation rate was not achieved. In Security Cove, the achieved exploitation rate of 6.4 percent was due primarily to a lack of fishing effort. In Goodnews Bay, the overall exploitation rate of 17.5 percent resulted from post-season adjustments to the total biomass estimate. Herring abundance is estimated primarily by aerial surveys. Surface area estimates are made of each school and depending on water depth, a tonage figure is assigned. Tonage conversion factors are determined by capturing schools of herring with known surface areas and weighing the resulting catch. The data base for tonage conversion is updated annually from research conducted in the Togiak District. The updated tonage conversions and post-season analysis of the aerial surveys resulted in an increased biomass estimate, above that obtained in-season. The preliminary in-season biomass estimates did result in allowing a harvest of 605 mt instead of the expected harvest of 400 mt.

Surveys on 19 May found 400 mt in Goodnews Bay District and 218 mt in Security Cove District and small spawns were observed. Since the timely arrival of processors has been a problem in these districts in the past (due to their commitments in Togiak District) the Department issued a notice that the fishery was expected to open on short notice after the passing of 48 hours. Herring spawning and abundance continued to increase and both districts opened at 1400 hours 21 May, 1984. No processors were on the ground and fishermen were notified that to avoid wastage they should be sure of a market. No one began fishing until the processors began arriving that evening.

Reports from processors indicated the majority of fish were of acceptable quality. Catch rates were low enough to allow continuous fishing until Goodnews Bay District was closed on 27 May. The catch and wastage totaled 20 percent of the herring biomass estimated at that time. In the past, this district has had some problems with abandoned nets after closures. The closure at 0900 hours was announced to coincide with high tide. This may have contributed to there being no nets in the water after the closure since the tidal stage insured that both nets and boats were accessible. Security Cove was closed on 4 June, at which time there had been no fishing boats or processors in the district for 2 days.

Stock Status

Aerial surveys have been flown throughout the spawning season annually to determine relative abundance, distribution and biomass of spawning herring population in the Kuskokwim Area since 1978. Storms, fog and turbid water hampered survey coverage in the area in 1984.

Standard conversion factors of 1.2 (water depth 5 meters [m] or less), 2.5 (water depth between 5 and 8 m) and 3.0 m.t./50 m² (water depth greater than 8 m) were used to convert estimated herring school surface areas to biomass within all districts.

Test fishing with variable mesh gill nets and sampling of commercial landings were conducted in all commercial fishing districts to determine age, size and sexual maturity of herring and to estimate occurrence and relative abundance of other schooling fishes. Additionally, gill net subsistence catch samples were obtained from the Nelson Island stocks. This information was used during post-season analysis to interpret and modify aerial survey biomass data.

Ground surveys were conducted in most districts to obtain information on the distribution and density of kelp beds and herring spawn deposition.

Security Cove District:

Twenty-four aerial surveys were flown on 16 days during the 1984 season, from 28 April to 1 June. About one-third of these surveys were made under fair to excellent conditions.

Test fishing was conducted during 5 May to 2 June. A total of 1,002 herring was sampled from these catches. Herring comprised 85 percent of the total catch of schooling fishes.

During the season, herring biomass was estimated to be 4,000 mt. A post-season estimate of 4,600 mt was obtained based on post-season aerial surveys and analysis of data from test fishing (Appendix Table 22). Age 6 and 7 herring represented 71 percent of the sampled population. Age 4 herring comprised about 1 percent of the population. A total of 13 linear km of milt was observed during aerial survey.

Goodnews Bay District:

Fifteen aerial surveys were flown on 14 days during the 1984 season, from 28 April to 1 June. Survey conditions were the best on record with about 40 percent of these surveys made under fair to excellent conditions.

Test fishing was conducted from 6 May to 2 June. A total of 719 herring was sampled from these catches. Herring comprised 70 percent of the total catch of schooling fishes. During the season, the herring biomass was estimated to be 3,300 mt. Further aerial surveys and analysis of data from test fishing resulted in a post-season biomass estimate of 3,700 mt (Appendix Table 22). Approximately 73 percent of the total biomass was composed of age 6 and 7 herring. Age 4 herring accounted for about 1 percent of the biomass. A total of 11 linear km of milt was observed during aerial surveys.

Nelson - Nunivak Islands Area:

Three aerial surveys were flown during the 1984 season on 30 May, 2 and 15 June. Survey conditions were fair to excellent on all surveys.

No test fishing was conducted in the Nelson Island area. However, a total of 594 herring was sampled from subsistence catches.

Herring biomass was estimated to be 10,000 mt for Nelson Island and 6,074 mt for Nunivak Island (Appendix Table 22). Totals of 10 and 3 linear km of milt were sighted during aerial surveys of Nelson and Nunivak Islands, respectively.

Age 6 and 7 herring comprised 78 percent of the subsistence catch.

Outlook and Management Strategy for 1985

Based upon continued large returns of the 1977 and 1978 year classes in 1984 (age 7 and 6 herring, respectively), a harvestable surplus of herring should be available in all districts during 1985. However, since methods to reliably forecast actual returns are still being developed and estimates of recruitment are not available, harvest levels will be adjusted during the season according to observed herring

biomass. If it is not possible to determine herring abundance using aerial survey methods, stock abundance will be assessed using information from test and commercial catches along with spawn deposition observations. Projections from post-season escapement estimates, using mean rates of natural mortality and growth for each age class, indicate that the 1985 spawning biomass should be 20,100 mt (18 percent lower than 1984 biomass). However, increased recruitment of ages 3 through 5 year old herring could increase this figure.

Security Cove District:

Emergency Order authority will be used to adjust the occurrence and length of fishing periods to stock strength and spawning. No fishing will be allowed until total biomass reaches 800 to 1,000 mt and spawning has started. Attempts will be made to maintain an overall harvest of 10 to 20 percent of the available biomass. Projected return is 3,600 mt. No major change in management strategy from 1984 is anticipated.

Goodnews Bay District:

Management strategy for this district will be similar to that used for Security Cove. The season will be opened by Emergency Order, a minimum total biomass of 800 to 1,000 mt will be required on the grounds prior to the first opening, harvest levels will be maintained between 10 to 20 percent of available biomass. Projected return is 2,700 mt.

Nelson-Nunivak Island Districts:

Based on the increasing size of the herring population in this area and local interest, the Board of Fisheries provided for a commercial herring fishery in two new districts; Nelson Island and Nunivak Island. The Board also passed the following policy which will be used as the management strategy in these new districts.

POLICY STATEMENT ON MANAGEMENT OF THE NELSON ISLAND DISTRICT HERRING FISHERY

Due to the importance of subsistence utilization of herring by local residents in the Nelson Island District, special measures are necessary to insure that the subsistence priority required by state law is provided during development of the commercial herring fishery in this area. Regulations necessary for the orderly development of the commercial herring fishery in the Nelson Island District do not in any way restrict the taking of herring or other fish for subsistence purposes. In addition, 5 AAC 01.020 provides that commercial fishermen may retain fish for their subsistence use or for the subsistence use of other persons.

To provide additional protection of the subsistence herring fishery, the following guidelines are provided:

1. The commercial fishery will be allowed to take up to 10 percent of the available herring biomass, compared to up to 20 percent for most other fisheries having stocks of similar size and condition.
2. The commercial fishing season will be opened when a biomass of 1,100 to 1,700 short tons or spawning activity is documented.
3. Periodic closures of the commercial fishery will be scheduled, during which time subsistence fishing will be the only activity allowed.
4. Several important subsistence use areas occur throughout the district, including waters north of Cape Vancouver, and specific areas may be closed to commercial fishing to insure the adequacy of subsistence harvest.
5. The department will use all available means, including the input from local residents to insure the adequacy of subsistence herring harvest during the commercial fishing season.

Projected returns are 8,600 mt and 5,200 mt for the Nelson and Nunivak Islands Districts, respectively.

HALIBUT

Pacific halibut (Hippoglossus stenolepis) are found in the marine waters off the coasts of Nelson and Nunivak Islands. Annual village subsistence harvests have not been monitored by the Division of Commercial Fisheries, however, periodic contact with these areas have shown that halibut is used for subsistence purposes by the residents of Nelson Island and Nunivak Island. There are two primary methods of harvesting these fish, jigging and longlining. The majority of both the commercial and subsistence harvest is taken by jigging with hand-lines.

A pilot commercial halibut fishery at Mekoryuk was conducted in 1966 by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. All the fishing took place in an area west of Cape Etolin. Ten fishermen took part in this study landing 533 halibut for a total of 8,799 pounds. This fishery was worth approximately \$1,760 to the fishermen. Leonard Revet and Jeffrey Keahon authored a report on this pilot fishery and concluded that the people of Mekoryuk did not seem interested in commercial halibut fishing at this time.

No further commercial activity took place by local residents until June 1982. The Bering Sea Fishermen's Association worked as advisors in initiating a commercial halibut project, together with Nunam Kitlutsisti and the Nelson Island villages.

The halibut fishery is not managed by the State of Alaska. It is under the jurisdiction of the U.S. government through the North Pacific Management Council. However, research on stock status and promulgation of proposals for the North Pacific Halibut fishery is provided by the International Pacific Halibut Commission, who makes recommendations to the governments involved under the terms of the International Pacific Halibut Convention.

Regulatory Area 4E, all waters in the Bering Sea north of the closed area, east of 168° W. and south of 65° 34' N., includes the Nelson and Nunivak Island area. The catch for Area 4E comes from Nelson and Nunivak Island fishery in spite of the larger geographic area covered by the area.

Area 4E opened on 21 May and closed on 30 October in 1984 with alternating 2-days and 1-day closed commercial fishing periods, plus one 8-day open period at the end. A total of 35,000 pounds was caught in 1984 down slightly from the 1983 catch of 35,248 pounds (see Appendix Table 26). Nearly 90 percent of the catch was taken between the first landing on 16 June and 4 July, at which time the fishery essentially ceased though not closed by Commission action (IPHC 1984).

WHITEFISH AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES

Introduction

Several species other than salmon, herring and halibut are utilized for commercial, subsistence and recreation purposes in the Kuskokwim Area. These include inconnu (Stenodus leucichthys), whitefish (Coregonus sp. and Prosopium sp.), char (Salvelinus sp.), rainbow trout (Salmo gairdneri), burbot (Lota lota), Arctic grayling (Thymallus arcticus), pike (Esox lucius), Arctic lamprey (Lampetra japonica), smelt (Osmerus sp.), blackfish (Dallia pectoralis) and longnose sucker (Catostomus catostomus) (Appendix Table X).

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Subsistence Fishery

These fish are taken by set gill nets, fish traps, "jigging" through the ice and rod-and-reel. The majority of the harvest is made by subsistence fishermen. Subsistence catches taken during the spring and summer months are generally sun-dried, while catches made during the winter are stored frozen. Many of these fish are used for human consumption, but a significant percentage is fed to dogs. Subsistence harvests of these miscellaneous species are not limited by regulation.

For a more complete discussion of the subsistence utilization of these species, see Charnely, 1984. Annual subsistence harvest has not been monitored due to a lack of funding.

Commercial Fishery

Commercial harvest of miscellaneous species is allowed under terms of a Freshwater Fishery permit. Fish taken for commercial purposes are sold locally. Two Freshwater Fisheries permits were issued in 1984 and 159 burbot were sold. Gear types used were gill net and pot.

Status of the Stocks

The Department does not monitor the status of the freshwater species in the Kuskokwim Area. Limited Department observations, advisory committee recommendations and fishermen interviews give no indication of declining populations in most species.

There presently is some concern for whitefish populations in the lower Kuskokwim Drainage. Fishermen indicate that subsistence whitefish catches are declining. The unusually high population of beaver (Castor canadensis) is believed by the public to be the cause. The U.S.F.W.S. Yukon Delta Refuge is presently conducting a study on the ecology of beaver and whitefish in the area. The results of this study may provide more information on the problem. The Board of Game liberalized the beaver harvest in an attempt to return the population to normal levels.

Concern has also been expressed, primarily by recreational fishermen, for rainbow trout in the area, Kwethluk and Kanektok River drainages in particular. The Board of Fisheries reduced the sport limit for this species in response to these concerns. Both the Sport Fish Division and the USFWS Togiak Refuge are conducting studies on these populations.

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Table 1. Kuskokwim Area Salmon Gillnet Specifications, 1984. 1/

	NUMBER SOLD 2/	MESH SIZE (inch)	THREAD SIZE	MATERIAL
Subtotal	4	5 1/4	210/16	Nylon
	30	5 3/8	225/16	Nylon
	44	5 3/8	225/18	Nylon
	2	5 3/8	0.5x30	Plastic
Subtotal	76	5 3/8	-	-
	19	5 1/2	210/16	Nylon
	83	5 1/2	225/16	Nylon
	59	5 1/2	225/18	Nylon
	34	5 1/2	0.5x36	Plastic
Subtotal	195	5 1/2	-	-
	24	8	225/21	Nylon
	34	8	225/21	Plastic
	66	8	225/24	Nylon
Subtotal	121	8	-	-
SUBTOTAL	12	8 1/4	225/24	Nylon
TOTAL	408	-	-	-

1/ This data was provided by a single net distributor but is believed to be representative the nets in general use.

2/ Number of 50 fathom nets.

✓ Table 2. Kuskokwim Area salmon entry permits issued by village, 1984. (continued)

VILLAGE	NUMBER OF ENTRY PERMITS
Akiachak	51
Akiak	26
Aniak	11
Atmauthlauk	25
Bethel	157
Chuathbaluk	2
Chefornak	3
Eek	40
Goodnews Bay	41
Kalskag	3
Kasigluk	40
Kipnuk	13
Kongiganak	22
Kwethluk	61
Kwigillingok	17
Lower Kalskag	2
McGrath	1
Napaklak	41
Napaskiak	23
Nunapitchuk	43
Oscarville	7
Platinum	9
Quinhagak	88
Sleetmute	1
Tuluksak	25
Tuntutuliak	46
Kuskokwim Area Subtotal	798
Anchorage	7
Fairbanks	1
Manakotak	2

Table 2. Kuskokwim Area salmon entry permits issued by village,
1984.¹

VILLAGE	NUMBER OF ENTRY PERMITS
Nome	1
Togiak	1
Nonlocal Alaska residents subtotal	13
Portland, Oregon	1
Seattle, Washington	1
Nonresident subtotal	2
TOTAL	813

1/ As of September 26, 1984.

Table 3. Kuskokwim Area commercial and subsistence 1/ salmon catches by species and district, 1984 (continued).

DISTRICTS	CHINOOK	SOCKEYE	COHO 2/	PINK	CHUM 3/	TOTAL
District 1, Lower Kuskokwim River						
Commercial	29,946	46,571	605,098 ^{575,018}	2,931	396,031	1,080,577
Subsistence	45,591	-	9,926	-	84,834	140,351
SUBTOTAL	75,537	46,571	615,024	2,931	480,865	1,220,928
District 2, Middle Kuskokwim River						
Commercial	1,796	2,004	18,349	11	27,687	49,847
Subsistence	10,090	-	3,246	-	56,916	70,252
SUBTOTAL	11,886	2,004	21,595	11	84,603	120,099
Upper Kuskokwim River						
Commercial	CLOSED TO COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING.					
Subsistence	1,525		300		7,550	19,736
SUBTOTAL	1,525		300		7,550	19,736
Kuskokwim River						
Commercial	31,742	48,575	623,447 ^{513,447}	2,942	423,718	1,130,424
Subsistence	57,206	-	13,472	-	149,300	219,978
SUBTOTAL	88,948	48,575	636,919	2,942	573,018	1,350,402
District 4, Quinhagak						
Commercial	33,652	17,258	135,342	16,249	50,424	252,925
Subsistence	3,109	172	1,490	129	589	5,489
SUBTOTAL	36,761	17,430	136,832	16,378	51,013	258,414
District 5, Goodnews Bay						
Commercial	8,612	15,474	71,176	4,711	14,340	114,313
Subsistence	629	964	154	66	189	2,002
SUBTOTAL	9,241	16,438	71,330	4,777	14,529	116,315

Table 3. Kuskokwim Area commercial and subsistence 1/ salmon catches by species and district, 1984 (continued).

DISTRICT	CHINOOK	SOCKEYE	COHO 2/	PINK	CHUM 3/	TOTAL
Kuskokwim Bay						
Commercial	42,264	32,732	206,518	20,960	64,764	367,238
Subsistence	3,738	1,136	1,644	195	788	7,491
SUBTOTAL	46,002	33,868	208,162	21,155	65,542	374,729
Grand Total Kuskokwim Area						
Commercial	74,006	81,307	829,965	23,902	488,482	1,497,662
Subsistence	60,944	1,136	15,116	195	150,078	227,469
TOTAL	134,950	82,443	845,081	24,097	638,560	1,725,131

1/ Subsistence data is preliminary.

2/ Subsistence catch is incomplete; survey was done while fishery was in progress.

3/ Subsistence catch includes small numbers of sockeye and pink salmon.

Table 4. Average weight and average price per pound of salmon taken in the Kuskokwim Area commercial fishery, 1984. 1/

DISTRICT NAME	DISTRICT NUMBER	AVERAGE WEIGHT BY SPECIES 2/ (AVERAGE PRICE/POUND)				
		CHINOOK	SOCKEYE	COHO	PINK	CHUM
Lower Kuskokwim River	1	16.8 (0.86)	6.5 (0.51)	7.5 (0.51)	3.3 (0.05)	6.6 (0.28)
Middle Kuskokwim River	2	15.2 (0.85)	6.8 (0.30)	7.2 (0.60)	0 (0.00)	6.7 (0.30)
Quinhagak	4	15.4 (0.88)	6.7 (0.54)	8.2 (0.58)	3.0 (0.06)	7.4 (0.30)
Goodnews Bay	5	19.2 (1.03)	6.5 (0.71)	8.7 (0.78)	3.8 (0.13)	7.5 (0.25)
AREA AVERAGE	all	16.4 (0.89)	6.6 (0.52)	7.7 (0.55)	3.2 (0.07)	6.7 (0.28)

1/ Data obtained from processor weights.

2/ Weight in pounds.

Table 5. Kuskokwim Area salmon processors and associated data,
1984 (continued).

COMMERCIAL OPERATOR	PRODUCT	DISTRICT
Calista Emmonak Fishery 516 Denali Street Anchorage, AK 99501 (907)279-5516	Fresh Salmon	1, 4, 5
Diamond Fisheries General Delivery Tuluksak, AK 99679 (907) 695-6514	Fresh Salmon	1
Fish Products LTD Box 19 Aniak, AK 99557 (907) 834-4750	Fresh Salmon	2
Harvest Moon Seafood General Delivery Platinum, AK 99561	Fresh Salmon	5
Incorp. Fishermen/Quinhagak Box 70 Quinhagak, AK 99655 (907) 556-8214	Fresh Salmon	4
J.B. Crow and Son, Inc. Box 567 Bethel, AK 99559 (907) 543-2440	Fresh Salmon	1, 2
Kemp and Paulucci Seafoods, Inc. 4832 West Superior Street Box 6506 Duluth, Minnesota 55086 (218)624-0062	Fresh Salmon	1, 2, 4, 5
Patson Fisheries Box 445 Bethel, AK 99559 (907) 543-3410	Fresh Salmon	1, 4
Schenks Seafood Sales, Inc. Box 984 Bellingham, WA 98277	Fresh Salmon	5

Table 5. Kuskokwim Area salmon processors and associated data,
1984 (continued).

COMMERCIAL OPERATOR	PRODUCT	DISTRICT
Sea Fisher Products, Inc. Box 8 Petersburg, AK 99833 (907)486-3147	Fresh Salmon	5
Swanson's EDSA Enterprises, Inc. Box 478 Bethel, AK 99559	Freshwater	1
Ted Solomon Fisheries Box 1567 Harvey, Montana 59501 (907)438-2618 406-395-4404	Fresh Salmon	5
Y.K. Fisheries General Delivery Kalskag, Alaska (907) 438-2618	Fresh Salmon	2

Table 6. Kuskokwim Area salmon fishery emergency orders, 1984
(continued).

EMERGENCY ORDER NO.	DATE	ACTION TAKEN	JUSTIFICATION
01	14 June	Opened the commercial salmon fishing season in Districts 1, 4 and 5 and established the first commercial fishing period in those districts on June 18.	Chinook salmon present in sufficient numbers.
02	20 June	Open the commercial salmon fishing season in District 2 and established a commercial fishing period in Districts 1 and 2 on June 21.	Chinook salmon present in sufficient numbers.
03	20 June	Established a commercial salmon fishing schedule in Districts 4 and 5 effective June 21 of twice weekly fishing periods from 6:00 p.m. Monday until 6:00 a.m. Tuesday and from 6:00 p.m. Thursday until 6:00 a.m. Friday.	Chinook salmon present in sufficient numbers.
04	23 June	Established commercial fishing period in Districts 1 and 2 from 6:00 p.m. until midnight, June 25.	Chinook salmon present in increasing numbers.
05	23 June	Required that salmon may be taken only with gillnets of six-inch or smaller mesh in Districts 1 and 2 on June 25.	Sockeye and chum salmon present in sufficient numbers.
06	23 June	Reduced the size of commercial fishing District 1 to that area from Bethel	Advanced the effective date of regulation 5AAC 07.350. (2).

Table 6. Kuskokwim Area salmon fishery emergency order, 1984 (continued).

EMERGENCY ORDER NO.	DATE	ACTION TAKEN	JUSTIFICATION
06	23 June	downstream to the north end of Eek Island.	
07	23 June	Established a subsistence closure of 24 hours before, during and for six hours after each open commercial salmon fishing period in District 1.	Advanced the effective date of regulation 5AAC 97.331.
08	26 June	Established commercial fishing period in District 2 from 6:00 p.m. until midnight, June 28.	Sockeye and chum salmon present in increasing numbers.
09	30 June	Established commercial fishing period in District 2 from 6:00 p.m. until midnight, July 2.	Sockeye and chum salmon present in increasing numbers.
10	10 July	Continued the fishing season and increased the commercial fishing time in District 4 from two 12 hour periods per week to three 12 hour periods per week, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday effective July 11.	Sockeye and chum salmon present in sufficient numbers. Chinook salmon migration complete.
11	16 July	Continued the fishing season in District 5 from two nighttime 12 hour periods per week to two daytime 12 hour periods per week from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday and Friday effective July 16.	Sockeye and chum salmon present in sufficient numbers and fisherman safety.

Table 6. Kuskokwim Area salmon fishery emergency order, 1984 (continued).

EMERGENCY ORDER NO.	DATE	ACTION TAKEN	JUSTIFICATION
12	17 July	Closed the commercial salmon fishing season in District 1 of the Kuskokwim River (Bethel to north end of Eek Island) effective July 19 until further notice.	Declining test catches and commercial catches and declining escapements remaining salmon were needed for escapement.
13	23 July	Continued the fishing season and increased the commercial fishing time in District 5 from two 12 hour periods per week to three 12 hour periods per week, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday effective July 23.	Sockeye and chum salmon escapement in sufficient numbers.
14	26 July	Opened commercial coho salmon season in District 1 of the Kuskokwim River (Mishevik Slough to north end of Eek Island) and established two six hour commercial fishing periods per week from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday and Thursday effective July 29.	The majority of chinook, sockeye and chum salmon have passed through District 1. Coho salmon present in sufficient numbers.
15	27 July	Established a subsistence closure of 15 hour before, during and for six hours after each open commercial fishing period in District 1.	Advanced the effective day of regulation 5AAC 01.260.

Table 6. Kuskokwim Area salmon fishery emergency order, 1984 (continued).

EMERGENCY ORDER NO.	DATE	ACTION TAKEN	JUSTIFICATION
16	06 August	Continued the fishing season and increased commercial fishing time in District 1 from two 6 hour periods per week to two 9 hours periods per week from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday and Thursday effective August 6.	Coho salmon continue in increasing numbers.
17	31 August	Continued the fishing season and decreasing the commercial fishing time in District 1 from two 9 hour periods per week to two 6 hour periods per week from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday and Thursday effective September 2.	To insure that the escapement requirements of the late run coho salmon are met.

Table 7. Kuskokwim River Subsistence Fishing Households.

VILLAGE	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	5 YEAR AVRG.
Kwigillingok	3	-	-	-	1	2
Kongigonak	-	-	-	-	29	29
Kipnuk	-	-	-	-	22	22
Eek	29	33	34	28	29	31
Tuntutuliak	32	34	35	15	22	28
Kasigluk	24	38	39	31	40	34
Nunapitchuk	32	35	40	27	40	34
Atmautluak	28	25	29	17	31	26
Napakiak	45	40	43	37	31	31
Oscarville	9	8	8	2	9	7
Napaskiak	35	33	35	23	27	31
Bethel	174	236	205	151	141	181
Kwethluk	59	66	67	46	57	59
Akiachak	44	48	51	28	38	47
Akiak	25	27	25	22	29	26
Tuluksak	28 1/	29 1/	27 1/	23 1/	24 1/	26
Lower Kalskag	28	31	31	20	24	27
Upper Kalskag	16	19	16	12	14	15
Aniak	26	42	40	35	40	37
Chauthbaluk	12	12	14	11	15	13
Napamute	3	3	2	2	3	3
Crooked Creek	14	12	18	16	14	15
Red Devil	4	11	8	7	8	8
Sleetmute	9	9	12	20	14	13
Sleetmute-Holitna	11	10	11	-	-	11
Stony River	8	9	7	6	9	8
Lime Village	-	5	-	-	-	5
Deacon's Landing	-	1	-	-	-	1
McGrath	-	18	-	-	7	13
Takotna	-	3	-	-	-	3
Nikolai	-	9	-	21	24	18
Telida	-	4	-	-	-	4
TOTAL KUSKOKWIM RIVER	689	850	797	583	742	734*
Quinhagak	65 1/	48 1/	76 1/	59 3/	52	60
Platinum	-	6	11	4	5	7
Goodnews Bay	-	15	44	13	17	22

*All years do not include all villages

1/ Expanded

2/ Unexpanded

3/ 1985 AMR reports 53, 56 and 59 but used 59 in the 1982 historical table. Only 1981 and 1982 have unexpanded numbers for the lower river villages.

Table 8. Reported, estimated and total subsistence harvest of Kuskokwim River salmon by species in sampled villages, 1983 (continued).

	<u>R E P O R T E D</u>					<u>E S T I M A T E D</u>				
	NUMBER OF FISHING HOUSEHOLDS	RETURNED CALENDER	CHINOOK	HARVEST 1/ ----- OTHER 2/	COHO 3/	NUMBER OF FISHING HOUSEHOLDS	AVG REPORTED CATCH/HOUSEHOLD CHINOOK	OTHER	HARVEST CHINOOK	OTHER
Tuntutuliak	23	0	2,889	4,193	696	5	126	182	630	910
Bethel	114	2	7,101	12,103	4,995	65	61	104	3,965	6,760
Kwethluk	21	1	2,514	5,414	1,639	37	114	246	4,218	9,102
Akiachak	27	1	3,327	7,875	2,135	19	119	281	2,261	5,339
Akiak	16	1	2,234	5,246	461	9	131	309	1,179	2,781
LOWER RIVER TOTALS	201	5	18,065	34,831	9,926	135	N/A	N/A	12,253	24,892
Tuluksak 4/	26	0	2,286	9,407	196	-	-	-	-	-
Lower Kalskag	7	1	962	2,635	150	19	120	329	2,280	6,251
Upper Kalskag	9	0	393	1,542	72	6	44	171	264	1,026
Aniak	34	1	1,747	8,371	2,825	2	50	239	100	478
MIDDLE RIVER TOTALS	76	2	5,388	21,955	3,246	27	N/A	N/A	2,644	7,755
Sleetmute 5/	13	1	154	2,208	411	-	-	-	-	-
Nicola 4/	28	NA	795	5,100	200	-	-	-	-	-
McGrath 4/	27	NA	730	2,450	NOT COLLECTED	-	-	-	-	-
Telida 4/	6	NA	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-
UPPER RIVER TOTALS	72	1	1,679	9,758	711	-	-	-	-	-
KUSKOKWIM RIVER TOTALS	349	8	25,132	66,544	13,883	162			14,897	32,647

Table 8. Reported, estimated and total subsistence harvest of Kuskokwim River salmon by species in sampled villages, 1983 (continued).

VILLAGE	NUMBER OF FISHING HOUSEHOLDS	CHINOOK	OTHER 2/
Tuntutuliak	28	3,519	1,146
Bethel	181	11,066	18,863
Kwethluk	59	6,732	14,516
Akiachak	47	5,588	13,214
Akiak		3,2613	8,027
LOWER RIVER TOTALS	341	30,318	59,723
Tuluksak 4/	-	2,286	9,407
Lower Kalskag	27	3,242	8,886
Upper Kalskag	15	657	2,568
Aniak	37	1,847	8,849
MIDDLE RIVER TOTALS	79	8,032	29,710
Sleetmute 5/	14	154	2,208
Nicolai 4/	-	795	5,100
McGrath 4/	0	730	2,450
Telida 4/	-	-	-
UPPER RIVER TOTALS	14	1,679	9,758
KUSKOKWIM RIVER TOTALS	434	40,029	99,191

1/ Includes data from households which returned calendars, but were not interviewed.

2/ Primarily chum salmon, but includes small numbers of sockeye and pink salmon.

3/ Survey done before coho salmon fishing had ceased.

4/ Complete census taken, no data expansion necessary

5/ Expansion not possible due to interviewing more fishing households than the previous five year average.

Table 9. Reported, estimated and total subsistence ~~harvest~~ of Kuskokwim River salmon by species in sampled villages, 1984 (continued).

	<u>R E P O R T E D</u>					<u>E S T I M A T E D</u>				
	NUMBER OF FISHING HOUSEHOLDS	RETURNED CALENDER	CHINOOK	HARVEST 1/ ----- OTHER 2/	COHO 3/	NUMBER OF FISHING HOUSEHOLDS	AVG REPORTED CATCH/HOUSEHOLD	CHINOOK	OTHER	HARVEST CHINOOK OTHER
Tuntutuliak	23	0	2,889	4,193	696	5	126	182	630	910
Bethel	114	2	7,101	12,103	4,995	65	61	104	3,965	6,760
Kwethluk	21	1	2,514	5,414	1,639	37	114	246	4,218	9,102
Akiachak	27	1	3,327	7,875	2,135	19	119	281	2,261	5,339
Akiak	16	1	2,234	5,246	461	9	131	309	1,179	2,781
LOWER RIVER TOTALS	201	5	18,065	34,831	9,926	135	N/A	N/A	12,253	24,892
Tuluksak 4/	26	0	2,286	9,407	196	-	-	-	-	-
Lower Kalskag	7	1	962	2,635	150	19	120	329	2,280	6,251
Upper Kalskag	9	0	393	1,542	72	6	44	171	264	1,026
Aniak	34	1	1,747	8,371	2,825	2	50	239	100	478
MIDDLE RIVER TOTALS	76	2	5,388	21,955	3,246	27	N/A	N/A	2,644	7,755
Sleetmute 5/	13	1	154	2,208	411	-	-	-	-	-
Nicolai 4/	28	NA	795	5,100	200	-	-	-	-	-
McGrath 4/	27	NA	730	2,450	NOT COLLECTED	-	-	-	-	-
Telida 4/	6	NA	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-
UPPER RIVER TOTALS	72	1	1,679	9,758	711	-	-	-	-	-
KUSKOKWIM RIVER TOTALS	349	8	25,132	66,544	13,883	162			14,897	32,647

Table 9. Reported, estimated and total subsistence harvest of Kuskokwim River salmon by species in sampled villages, 1984 (continued).

VILLAGE	NUMBER OF FISHING HOUSEHOLDS	T O T A L	
		CHINOOK	OTHER 2/
Tuntutuliak	28	3,519	1,146
Bethel	181	11,066	18,863
Kwethluk	59	6,732	14,516
Akiachak	47	5,588	13,214
Akiak	26	3,413	8,027
LOWER RIVER TOTALS	341	30,318	59,723
Tuluksak 4/	-	2,286	9,407
Lower Kalskag	27	3,242	8,886
Upper Kalskag	15	657	2,568
Aniak	37	1,847	8,849
MIDDLE RIVER TOTALS	79	8,032	29,710
Sleetmute 5/	14	154	2,208
Nicolai 4/	-	795	5,100
McGrath 4/	0	730	2,450
Telida 4/	-	-	-
UPPER RIVER TOTALS	14	1,679	9,758
KUSKOKWIM RIVER TOTALS	434	40,029	99,191

1/ Includes data from households which returned calendars, but were not interviewed.

2/ Primarily chum salmon, but includes small numbers of sockeye and pink salmon.

3/ Survey done before coho salmon fishing had ceased.

4/ Complete census taken, no data expansion necessary

5/ Expansion not possible due to interviewing more households than the previous five year average

Table 10. Estimated total subsistence salmon harvest from Kuskokwim River, 1983. 1/

LOCATION OF HARVEST	TOTAL HARVEST IN SAMPLED VILLAGES 2/			PERCENT OF SUBSISTENCE HARVEST TAKEN BY SAMPLED VILLAGES 3/			TOTAL ESTIMATED HARVEST		
	Chinook	Other 4/	coho 5/	Chinook	Other 4/	coho 5/	Chinook	Other 4/	Coho 5/
Lower River	17,790	35,860	1,848	0.534	0.513	5/	33,315	69,903	1,848
Middle and Upper River	4,845	17,781	304	0.404	0.323	5/	11,993	55,049	304
McGrath, Takotna, Nicolai, Telida 5/	1,580	5,550	770	5/	5/	5/	1,580	5,550	770
Kuskokwim River Totals	24,215	59,191	2,922				46,888	130,502	2,922

1/ Preliminary figures, see preface.

2/ From Table 8.

3/ From Tables 12 and 13.

4/ Primarily chum salmon, but includes small numbers of other salmon.

5/ Reported catch only insufficient data to estimate total catch.

Table 11. Estimated total subsistence salmon harvest from Kuskokwim River, 1984 1/.

LOCATION OF HARVEST	TOTAL HARVEST IN SAMPLED VILLAGES 2/			PERCENT OF SUBSISTENCE HARVEST TAKEN BY SAMPLED VILLAGES 3/			TOTAL ESTIMATED HARVEST		
	Chinook	Other 4/	coho 5/	Chinook	Other 4/	coho 5/	Chinook	Other 4/	Coho 5/
Lower River	30,318	59,723	9,926	0.665	0.704	5/	45,591	84,834	9,926
Middle and Upper River	8,032	29,710	3,246	0.796	0.522	5/	10,090	56,916	3,246
McGrath, Telida and Nikolai 5/	1,525	7,550	300	5/	5/	5/	1,525	7,550	300
Total Kuskokwim River Harvest	39,875	96,983	13,742				57,206	149,300	13,472

1/ Preliminary figures, see preface.

2/ From Table 9.

3/ From Tables 12 and 13.

4/ Primarily chum salmon, but includes small numbers of other salmon.

5/ Reported catch only insufficient data to estimate total catch.

Table 12. Kuskokwim River subsistence chinook salmon catch and percent by village, 1980-1982.

VILLAGE	1980		1981		1982		AVE. %
	CATCH	%	CATCH	%	CATCH	%	
LOWER RIVER:							
Kongiganak, Kipnik and Kwigillingok	0	0.0	0	0.0	112	0.2	0.1
Eek	1,557	3.5	1,731	3.7	2,578	5.7	4.3
Tuntutuliak	2,545	5.7	4,466	9.5	1,984	4.3	6.5
Kasigluk	1,704	3.8	3,377	7.2	3,115	6.8	5.9
Nunapitchuk	2,612	5.8	2,918	6.2	2,577	5.7	5.9
Atmauthiauk	1,288	2.9	1,247	2.6	1,752	3.8	3.1
Napakiak	2,582	5.7	3,017	6.4	3,500	7.7	6.6
Oscarville	477	1.1	492	1.0	523	1.1	1.1
Napaskiak	3,160	7.0	2,911	6.2	2,872	6.3	6.5
Bethel	12,591	28.0	15,367	32.6	13,526	29.7	30.1
Kwethluk	7,627	17.0	6,167	13.1	5,897	12.9	14.3
Akiachak	5,405	12.0	3,094	6.5	4,468	9.8	9.4
Akiak	3,355	7.6	2,380	5.0	2,745	6.0	6.2
SUBTOTALS	44,903	100.0	47,167	100.0	45,639	100.0	100.0
UPPER RIVER:							
Tuluksak	2,807	19.3	2,446	19.3	2,220	20.3	19.6
Lower Kalskag	3,917	27.0	3,271	25.9	2,594	23.8	25.6
Upper Kalskag	1,889	13.0	1,171	9.3	963	8.8	10.4
Aniak	2,750	18.9	3,102	24.5	2,071	19.0	20.8
Chuathbaluk	1,507	10.4	841	6.6	1,491	13.6	10.2
Napamute	90	0.6	45	0.4	138	1.3	0.8
Crooked Creel	654	4.5	512	4.0	515	4.7	4.4
Georgetown	93	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.2
Red Devil	255	1.8	298	2.4	273	2.5	2.2
Sleetmute	227	1.6	728	5.8	242	2.2	3.2
Stony River	332	2.3	233	1.8	419	3.8	2.6
SUBTOTALS	14,521	100.0	12,647	100.0	10,926	100.0	100.0
TOTALS	59,424		59,814		56,565		

Table 13. Kuskokwim River subsistence other salmon catch and percent by village, 1980-1982.

VILLAGE	1980		1981		1982		AVE. %
	CATCH	%	CATCH	%	CATCH	%	
<u>LOWER RIVER</u>							
Kongiganak, Kipnuk and Kwigillingok	0	0.0	0	0.0	486	0.4	0.1
Eek	2,177	1.7	1,517	1.4	1,012	0.8	1.3
Tuntutuliak	8,961	7.0	5,943	5.5	8,500	6.6	6.3
Kasigluk	5,684	4.4	3,144	2.9	6,846	5.4	4.2
Nunapitchuk	6,626	5.2	5,501	5.1	8,646	6.7	5.7
Atmauthluak	4,794	3.7	3,856	3.6	4,786	3.7	3.7
Napakiak	8,123	6.3	7,099	6.5	8,618	6.7	6.5
Oscarville	1,395	1.1	1,260	1.2	1,665	1.3	1.2
Napaskiak	7,391	5.7	7,653	7.0	10,139	7.9	6.9
Bethel	33,198	25.8	42,798	39.4	27,857	29.4	31.5
Kwethluk	24,564	19.1	11,506	10.6	16,837	13.1	14.3
Akiachak	15,172	11.8	6,533	6.0	13,803	10.7	9.5
Akiak	10,596	8.2	11,718	10.8	9,339	7.3	8.8
SUBTOTALS	128,681	100.0	108,528	100.0	128,565	100.0	100.0
<u>MIDDLE AND UPPER RIVER</u>							
Tuluksak	9,963	13.4	6,763	10.0	5,040	8.7	10.7
Lower Kalskag	8,903	12.0	4,625	6.9	6,925	12.0	10.3
Upper Kalskag	6,932	9.3	6,916	10.3	5,362	9.3	9.6
Aniak	14,067	18.9	13,494	20.0	14,946	25.9	21.6
Chauthbaluk	4,148	5.6	8,567	12.7	6,952	12.0	10.1
Napamute	3,049	4.1	740	1.1	2,392	4.1	3.1
Crooked Creek	7,165	9.7	7,985	11.8	3,622	6.3	9.3
Georgetown	1,042	1.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.5
Red Devil	5,133	6.9	6,183	9.2	7,380	12.8	9.6
Sleetmute	10,934	14.7	9,805	14.6	2,936	5.1	11.5
Stony River	2,967	4.0	2,303	3.4	2,198	3.8	3.7
SUBTOTALS	74,303	100.0	67,381	100.0	57,753	100.0	100.0
TOTALS	202,984		175,909		186,318		

Table 14. Final Season Summary for District W-1, Lower Kuskokwim

	DATES	HOURS FISHED	NO. OF FISHER- MEN	PERIOD		CATCH		AND	CATCH		PER	UNIT	EFFORT		CPUE CHUM
				CHINOOK	CPUE	SOCKEYE	CPUE		COHO	CPUE		PINK	CPUE	CHUM	
1	6/18-6/18	6	484	10,845	3.73	409	0.14		0	0.00		0	0.00	5,803	2.00
2	6/21-6/21	6	443	6,336	2.38	2,618	0.98		0	0.00		4	0.00	22,094	8.31
Large Mesh/Chinook Season			520	17,181		3,027			0			4		27,897	
3	6/25-6/25	6	466	3,018	1.08	10,743	3.84		0	0.00		12	0.00	19,773	32.82
4	6/28-6/28	6	470	2,625	0.93	10,942	3.88		0	0.00		55	0.02	67,120	23.80
5	7/02-7/02	6	483	1,988	0.69	8,145	2.81		0	0.00		249	0.09	69,897	24.12
6	7/05-7/05	6	426	1,218	0.48	6,798	2.66		1	0.00		188	0.07	54,981	21.51
7	7/09-7/09	6	496	1,211	0.41	2,821	0.95		52	0.02		264	0.09	36,440	12.24
8	7/12-7/12	6	436	858	0.33	2,188	0.84		196	0.07		363	0.14	24,269	9.28
9	7/16-7/16	6	373	744	0.33	1,121	0.50		619	0.28		599	0.27	18,613	8.32
Small Mesh/Chum Season			587	11,662		42,758			868			1,730		363,093 291,093	241,093
10	7/30-7/30	6	459	351	0.13	281	0.10		56,609	20.56		333	0.12	2,329	0.85
11	8/02-8/02	6	401	291	0.12	157	0.07		49,240	32.93		201	0.08	1,184	0.49
12	8/06-8/06	9	542	106	0.02	113	0.02		84,406	17.30		263	0.05	639	0.13
13	8/09-8/09	9	523	106	0.02	111	0.02		80,990	17.21		177	0.04	373	0.08
14	8/13-8/13	9	504	81	0.02	67	0.01		80,268	17.70		60	0.01	235	0.05
15	8/16-8/16	9	502	50	0.01	29	0.01		78,342	17.34		62	0.01	131	0.03
16	8/20-8/20	9	491	33	0.01	14	0.00		63,829	14.44		31	0.01	59	0.01
17	8/23-8/23	9	481	21	0.00	11	0.00		49,372	11.40		26	0.01	63	0.01
18	8/27-8/27	9	350	53	0.02	2	0.00		16,472	5.23		33	0.01	18	0.01
19	8/30-8/30	9	210	9	0.00	1	0.00		11,222	5.94		11	0.01	5	0.00
20	9/03-9/03	6	60	2	0.01	0	0.00		1,603	4.45		0	0.00	5	0.01
21	9/06-9/06	6	39	0	0.00	0	0.00		1,877	8.02		0	0.00	0	0.00
Coho Season			619	1,103		786			604,230			1,197		5,041	
SEASON TOTAL			654	29,946		46,571			605,098 575,018			2,931		324,031 306,031	

Table 15. Final Season Summary for District 2, middle Kuskokwim.

DATES	HOURS FISHED	NO. OF FISHER- MEN	PERIOD		CATCH	AND	CATCH	PER	UNIT	EFFORT			
			CHINOOK	CPUE	SOCKEYE	CPUE	COHO	CPUE	PINK	CPUE	CHUM	CPUE	
1	6/21-6/21	6	15	561	6.23	84	0.93	0	0.00	0	0.00	967	10.74
Large Mesh/Chinook Season		15	561			84		0		0		967	
2	6/25-6/25	6	25	493	3.29	543	3.62	0	0.00	0	0.00	5,705	38.05
3	6/28-6/28	6	33	524	2.65	395	1.99	0	0.00	0	0.00	13,376	67.56
4	7/02-7/02	6	25	204	1.36	982	6.55	0	0.00	11	0.07	7,420	49.47
Small Mesh/Chum Season		49	1,221			1,920		0		11		26,501	
5	8/06-8/06	6	16	9	0.09	0	0.00	4,339	45.20	0	0.00	110	1.15
6	8/09-8/09	6	11	1	0.02	0	0.00	4,340	65.76	0	0.00	69	1.05
7	8/13-8/13	6	12	1	0.01	0	0.00	2,792	38.78	0	0.00	24	0.33
8	8/16-8/16	6	17	1	0.01	0	0.00	3,652	35.80	0	0.00	16	0.16
9	8/20-8/20	6	13	1	0.01	0	0.00	2,179	27.94	0	0.00	0	0.00
10	8/23-8/23	6	8	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,047	21.81	0	0.00	0	0.00
11	8/27-8/27		0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
12	8/30-8/30		0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Coho Season		58	32	13		0		18,349	39.2	0		219	
SEASON TOTAL				1,796		2,004		18,349		11		27,687	

Table 16. Final Season Summary for District 4, Quinhagak.

	PERIOD DATES	HOURS FISHED	FISH- MEN	P E R I O D		C A T C H A N D		C A T C H P E R		U N I T E F F O R T			
				CHINOOK	CPUE	SOCKEYE	CPUE	COHO	CPUE	PINK	CPUE	CHUM	CPUE
1	6/18-6/19	12	140	11,997	7.14	435	0.26	0	0.00	7	0.00	1,809	1.08
2	6/21-6-22	12	164	5,458	2.77	1,336	0.68	0	0.00	13	0.01	4,471	2.27
3	6/25-6/26	12	99	4,122	3.46	1,640	1.38	0	0.00	18	0.02	5,417	5.46
4	6/28-6/29	12	101	3,283	2.71	1,967	1.62	0	0.00	53	0.04	4,702	3.88
5	7/02-7/03	12	70	1,902	2.26	1,577	1.88	1	0.00	50	0.06	6,034	7.18
6	7/05-7/06	12	62	850	1.14	1,157	1.56	0	0.00	139	0.19	2,768	3.72
7	7/09-7/10	12	84	1,259	1.25	2,497	2.48	4	0.00	297	0.29	5,610	5.57
8	7/11-7/11	12	98	1,176	1.00	2,011	1.71	9	0.01	431	0.37	4,567	3.88
9	7/13-7/13	12	105	1,011	0.80	1,842	1.46	7	0.01	994	0.79	4,270	3.30
10	7/16-7/16	12	46	441	0.80	564	1.02	39	0.07	563	1.02	1,784	3.23
11	7/18-7/18	12	73	445	0.51	657	0.75	234	0.27	1,217	1.39	2,410	2.75
12	7/20-7/20	12	75	412	0.46	477	0.53	787	0.87	2,021	2.25	2,256	2.51
13	7/23-8/23	12	95	324	0.28	361	0.32	1,386	1.22	2,902	2.55	1,316	1.15
14	7/25-7/25	12	98	379	0.32	317	0.27	3,482	2.96	2,871	2.44	1,397	1.19
15	7/27-7/27	12	118	194	0.14	202	0.14	5,512	3.89	2,412	1.70	677	0.48
16	7/30-7/30	12	35	73	0.17	19	0.05	3,079	7.33	598	1.42	173	0.41
17	8/01-8/01	12	81	67	0.97	53	0.05	5,680	5.84	1,144	1.18	272	0.28
18	8/03-8/03	12	66	40	0.05	30	0.04	5,390	6.81	130	0.16	151	0.19
19	8/06-8/06	12	61	38	0.05	16	0.02	8,436	12.52	194	0.27	95	0.13
20	8/08-8/08	12	127	71	0.05	30	0.02	19,215	12.61	142	0.09	132	0.09
21	8/10-8/10	12	75	28	0.03	15	0.02	9,428	10.48	30	0.03	16	0.02
22	8/13-8/13	12	78	36	0.04	28	0.03	10,961	11.71	0	0.00	53	0.06
23	8/15-8/15	12	165	28	0.01	12	0.01	14,216	7.18	13	0.01	28	0.01
24	8/17-8/17	12	63	2	0.00	1	0.00	9,785	12.94	0	0.00	2	0.00
25	8/20-8/20	12	67	10	0.01	3	0.00	8,728	10.86	0	0.00	11	0.01
26	8/22-8/22	12	44	6	0.01	1	0.00	5,165	9.78	0	0.00	1	0.00
27	8/24-8/24	12	65	3	0.00	2	0.00	3,736	4.58	0	0.00	0	0.00
28	8/27-8/27	12	68	3	0.00	2	0.00	3,736	4.58	0	0.00	0	0.00
29	8/29-8/29	12	57	1	0.00	1	0.00	3,623	5.30	0	0.00	0	0.00
30	8/31-8/31	12	48	1	0.00	1	0.00	2,996	5.20	0	0.00	0	0.00
31	9/03-9/03	12	50	2	0.00	1	0.00	2,717	4.53	0	0.00	0	0.00
32	9/05-9/05	12	46	1	0.00	0	0.00	3,799	6.88	0	0.00	0	0.00
33	9/07-9/07	12	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
SEASON TOTAL		396	260	33,652		17,258		135,342 132,151		16,249		50,424	

Table 17. Kuskokwim Bay subsistence salmon fishery, 1984.

Village	FAMILIES SURVEYED			REPORTED CATCH					Expanded Estimated Total Fishing Families		ESTIMATED VILLAGE SUBSISTENCE CATCH				
	Number	People	Dogs	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum		
Quinhagak	73	368	104	3,157	309	2,131	295	634	73	3,175	309	2,131	295	634	
Goodnews	18	138	25	307	474	28	24	94	35	597	922	54	66	189	
Platinum	4	21	20	18	24	57	0	0	7	32	42	100	0	0	
Goodnews Bay Subtotal	22	159	45	325	498	85	34	97	42	629	964	154	66	189	
TOTAL	95	527	149	3,482	807	2,216	329	731	115	3,804	1,273	2,285	361	823	

Table 18. Final Season Summary for District 5, Goodnews Bay.

	PERIOD DATES	HOURS FISHED	FISH- ERMEN	P E R I O D CHINOOK CPUE	C A T C H A N D SOCKEYE CPUE	C A T C H P E R COHO CPUE	U N I T PINK	E F F O R T CPUE	C H U M	CPUE			
1	6/18-6/19	12	29	1,706	4.90	348	1.00	0	0.00	501	1.44		
2	6/21-6/22	12	35	1,298	3.09	967	2.30	0	0.00	591	1.41		
3	6/25-6/26	12	38	1,896	4.16	2,087	4.58	0	0.00	5	0.01	2,351	5.16
4	6/28-6/29	12	37	807	1.82	2,097	4.72	0	0.00	12	0.03	1,981	4.46
5	7/02-7/03	12	41	578	1.17	2,108	4.28	0	0.00	75	0.15	1,889	3.84
6	7/05-7/06	12	36	351	0.81	2,056	4.75	0	0.00	135	0.31	1,720	3.98
7	7/09-7/10	12	41	347	0.71	2,167	4.40	0	0.00	479	0.97	1,371	2.79
8	7/12-7/13	12	40	327	0.68	1,444	3.01	0	0.00	465	0.97	1,057	2.20
9	7/16-7/16	12	40	294	0.61	902	1.88	18	0.04	627	1.31	1,215	2.53
10	7/20-7/20	12	47	192	0.34	395	0.70	111	0.20	590	1.05	657	1.16
11	7/23-7/23	12	36	97	0.22	318	0.74	195	0.45	365	0.84	253	0.59
12	7/25-7/25	12	30	82	0.23	135	0.38	383	1.06	230	0.64	205	0.57
13	7/27-7/27	12	38	104	0.23	166	0.36	1,059	2.32	391	0.86	166	0.36
14	7/30-7/30	12	35	73	0.17	84	0.20	1,306	3.11	243	0.58	120	0.29
15	8/01-8/01	12	32	70	0.18	45	0.12	2,811	7.32	370	0.96	61	0.16
16	8/03-7/03	12	35	76	0.18	36	0.09	3,943	9.39	261	0.62	61	0.15
17	8/06-8/06	12	39	79	0.17	34	0.07	4,275	9.31	138	0.29	41	0.09
18	8/08-8/08	12	43	60	0.12	37	0.07	2,712	5.26	103	0.20	26	0.05
19	8/10-8/10	12	40	36	0.08	18	0.04	4,198	8.75	58	0.12	17	0.04
20	8/13-8/13	12	37	36	0.08	9	0.02	4,852	10.93	28	0.06	18	0.04
21	8/15-8/15	12	40	26	0.05	5	0.01	5,999	12.50	25	0.05	10	0.02
22	8/17-8/17	12	37	22	0.05	4	0.01	6,880	15.50	23	0.05	6	0.01
23	8/20-8/20	12	40	12	0.03	3	0.01	9,590	19.98	19	0.04	3	0.01
24	8/22-8/22	12	34	9	0.02	7	0.02	6,731	16.50	17	0.04	6	0.01
25	8/24-8/24	12	41	9	0.02	1	0.00	4,356	8.85	7	0.01	1	0.00
26	8/27-8/27	12	37	13	0.03	0	0.00	2,115	4.76	28	0.06	4	0.01
27	8/29-8/29	12	44	4	0.01	1	0.00	3,402	6.44	3	0.01	4	0.01
28	8/31-8/31	12	45	1	0.00	0	0.00	2,606	4.83	5	0.01	0	0.00
29	9/03-0/03	12	38	2	0.00	0	0.00	1,432	3.14	7	0.02	2	0.00
30	9/05-9/05	12	31	5	0.01	0	0.00	2,202	5.92	2	0.01	3	0.01
31	9/07-9/07	12	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
SEASON TOTAL		372	77	8,612		15,474		71,176		4,711		14,340	

Table 19. Commercial herring catch data, Security Cove and Goodnews Bay Districts, 1984.

Date	Hours	Number of Deliveries	Number of Permits	Number of Boats	Sac Roe Herring (m.t.)	Bait/Food	Average Roe Percent
<u>SECURITY COVE</u>							
5/21	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
5/22	24	16	16	16	35.05	0	11.07
5/23	24	0	0	0	0	0	0
5/24	24	3	3	3	3.18	0	11.16
5/25	24	19	18	18	33.10	0	12.14
5/26	24	3	3	3	1.06	0	13.55
5/27	24	1	1	1	1.32	0	15.00
5/28	24	4	4	4	22.11	0	10.52
5/29	24	18	13	13	138.74	0	12.12
5/30	24	15	11	11	33.80	0	11.14
5/31	24	2	2	2	0.68	0	10.37
6/01	24	3	2	2	11.25	0	11.13
6/02	24	2	2	2	14.05	0	13.36
6/03	24	0	0	0	0	0	0
6/04	23	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	345	86	38	39	294.94	0	11.79
<u>GOODNEWS BAY</u>							
5/21	10	9	9	9	18.75	0	10.18
5/22	24	48	42	40	89.60	0	10.34
5/23	24	42	36	35	74.09	0	10.81
5/24	24	80	66	62	108.97	0	10.07
5/25	24	103	75	69	135.33	0	9.67
5/26	24	94	67	64	150.50	0	9.76
5/27	9	14	14	14	27.99	0	11.96
TOTALS	139	390	130	106	605.23	0	10.14

Table 20. Security Cove District comparative herring catch (m.t.) and effort (permit holders) by date, 1984.

DATE	EFFORT CATCH	LOCAL 1/	NON-LOCAL	RESIDENT 2/	NON-RESIDENT
5/21	Effort	0	0	0	0
	Catch	0	0	0	0
5/22	Effort	1	15	3	13
	Catch	0.68	34.33	5.67	29.34
5/23	Effort	0	0	0	0
	Effort	0	0	0	0
5/24	Effort	0	3	1	2
	Catch	0	3.17	0.68	2.49
5/25	Effort	3	14	4	13
	Catch	7.57	24.28	8.73	23.12
5/26	Effort	1	2	1	2
	Catch	0.06	1.00	0.06	1.00
5/27	Effort	0	1	0	1
	Catch	0	1.32	0	1.32
5/28	Effort	2	2	2	2
	Catch	8.39	13.70	8.39	13.70
5/29	Effort	3	10	5	8
	Catch	41.38	104.33	57.70	88.00
5/30	Effort	4	7	6	5
	Catch	8.25	25.51	10.98	22.79
5/31	Effort	1	1	1	1
	Catch	0.23	0.45	0.23	0.45
6/01	Effort	0	2	1	1
	Catch	0	11.24	4.44	6.80
6/02	Effort	0	2	1	1
	Catch	0	14.04	6.32	7.72
6/03	Effort	0	0	0	0
	Catch	0	0	0	0
6/04	Effort	0	0	0	0
	Catch	0	0	0	0
SEASON	Effort	6	32	10	28
TOTAL	Catch	66.56	233.37	103.2	196.73
TOTAL %	Effort	16	84	26	74
TOTAL %	Catch	22	78	34	66

1/ Residents of the AVCP region.

2/ Residents of the State of Alaska includes local fishermen.

Table 21. Goodnews Bay District comparative herring catch (m.t.) and effort (permit holders) by date, 1984.

DATE	EFFORT/ CATCH	LOCAL	NON-LOCAL	RESIDENT 2/	NON-RESIDENT
5/21	Effort Catch	9 18.75	0 0	9 18.75	0 0
5/22	Effort Catch	38 75.86	3 13.74	39 80.53	2 9.07
5/23	Effort Catch	33 64.78	3 9.31	34 67.79	2 6.30
5/24	Effort Catch	50 86.31	15 22.36	52 92.28	13 16.69
5/25	Effort Catch	52 83.31	20 52.02	58 102.18	12 45.17
5/26	Effort Catch	58 89.77	16 60.73	62 105.33	12 45.17
5/27	Effort Catch	6 5.44	8 17.98	9 11.63	5 17.79
SEASON TOTAL	Effort Catch	97 425.52	33 176.14	103 478.49	27 122.17
TOTAL %	Effort	75	25	79	21
TOTAL %	Catch	71	29	80	20

1/ Residents of AVCP Region

2/ Residents of the State of Alaska includes local fishermen.

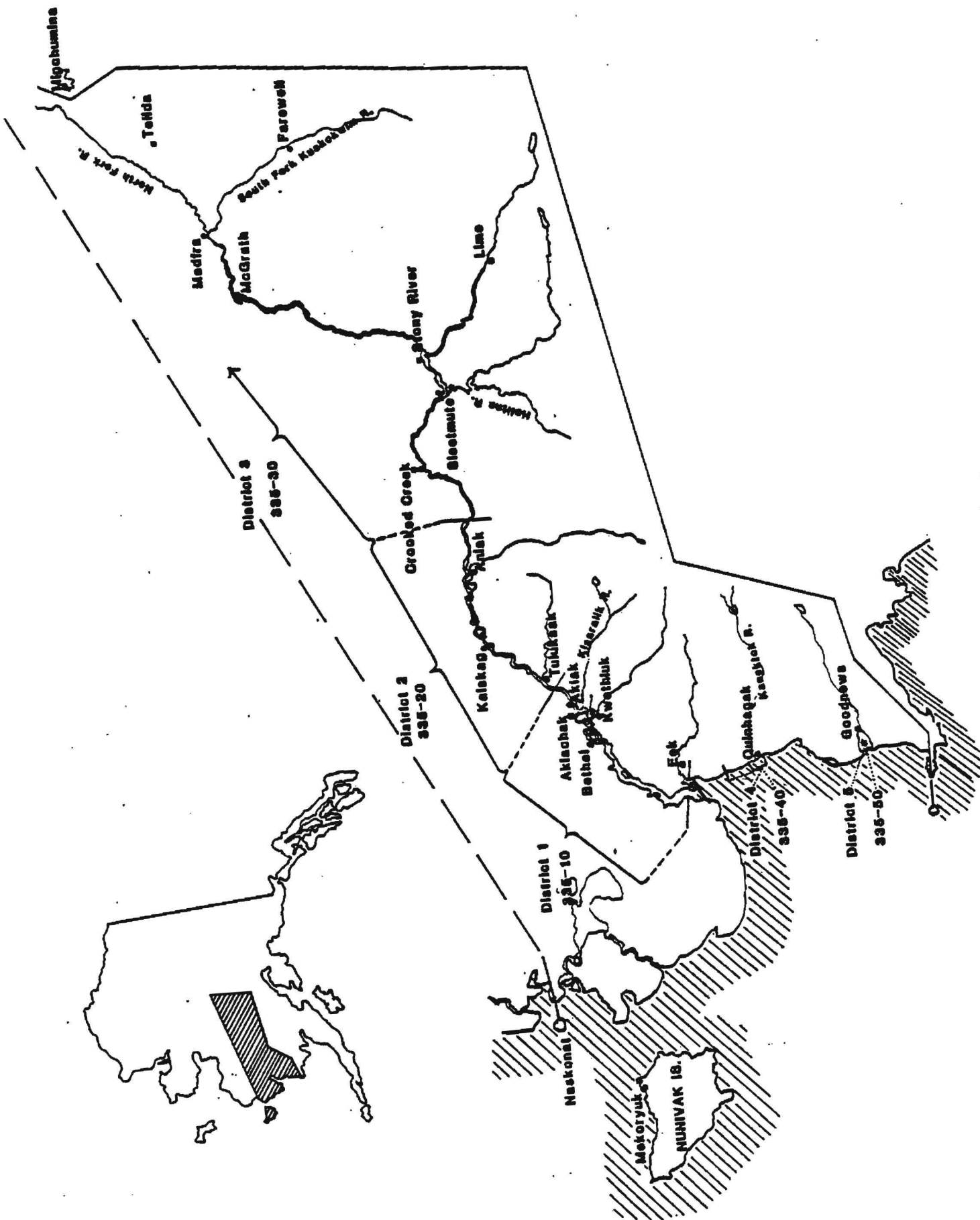


Figure 1. Kuskokwim Area

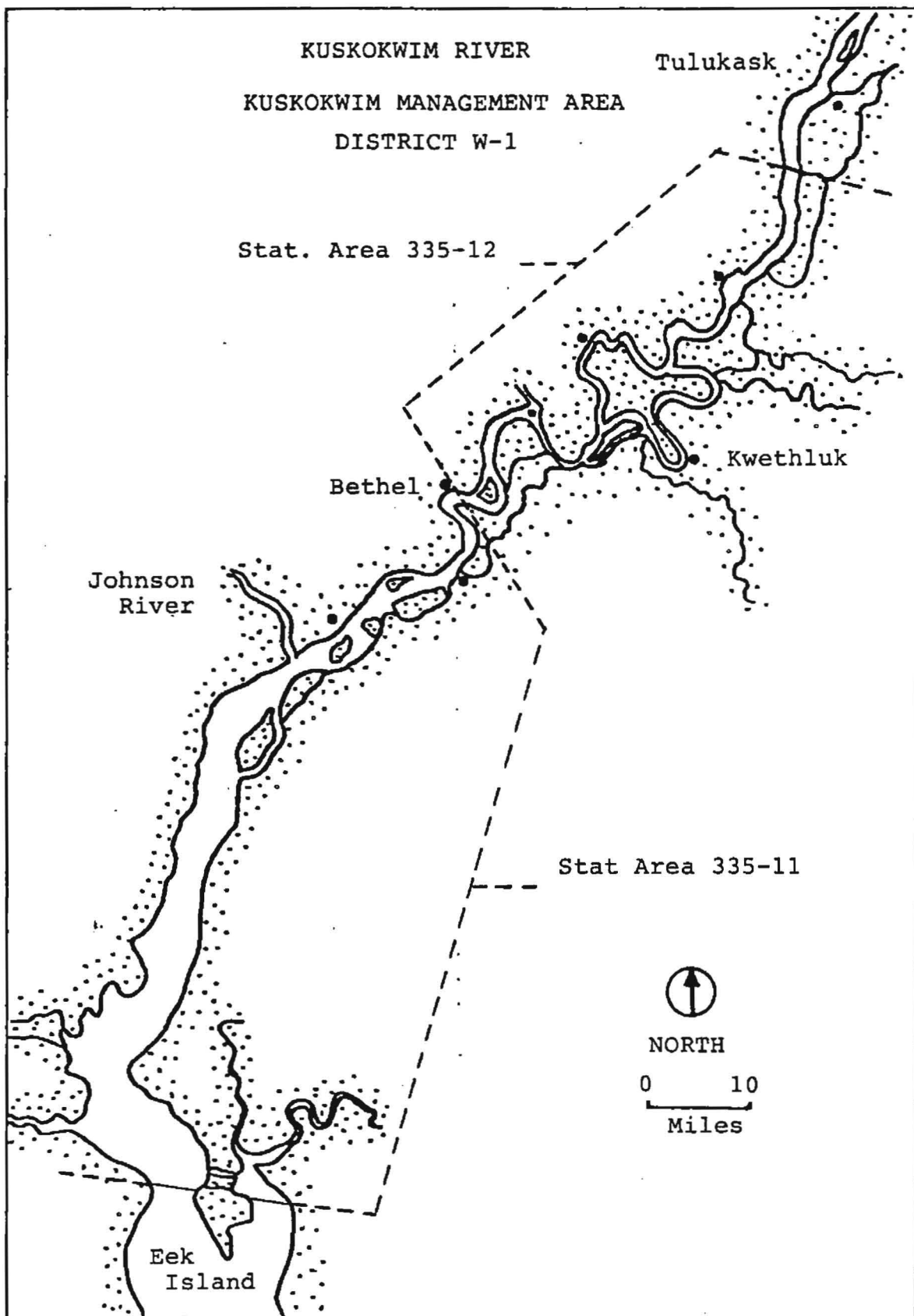


Figure 2 . Kuskokwim Management Area, District W-1, 1984.

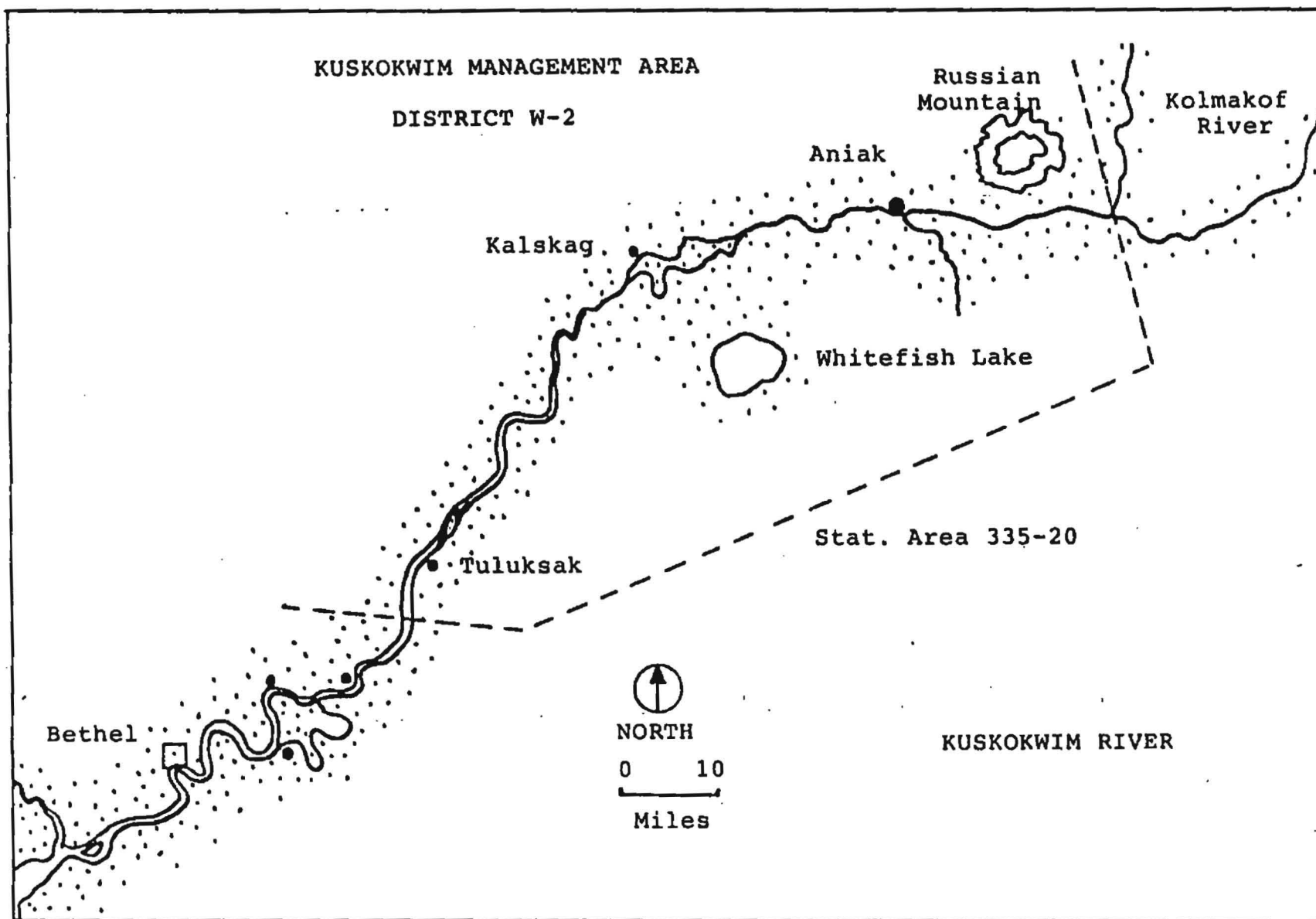


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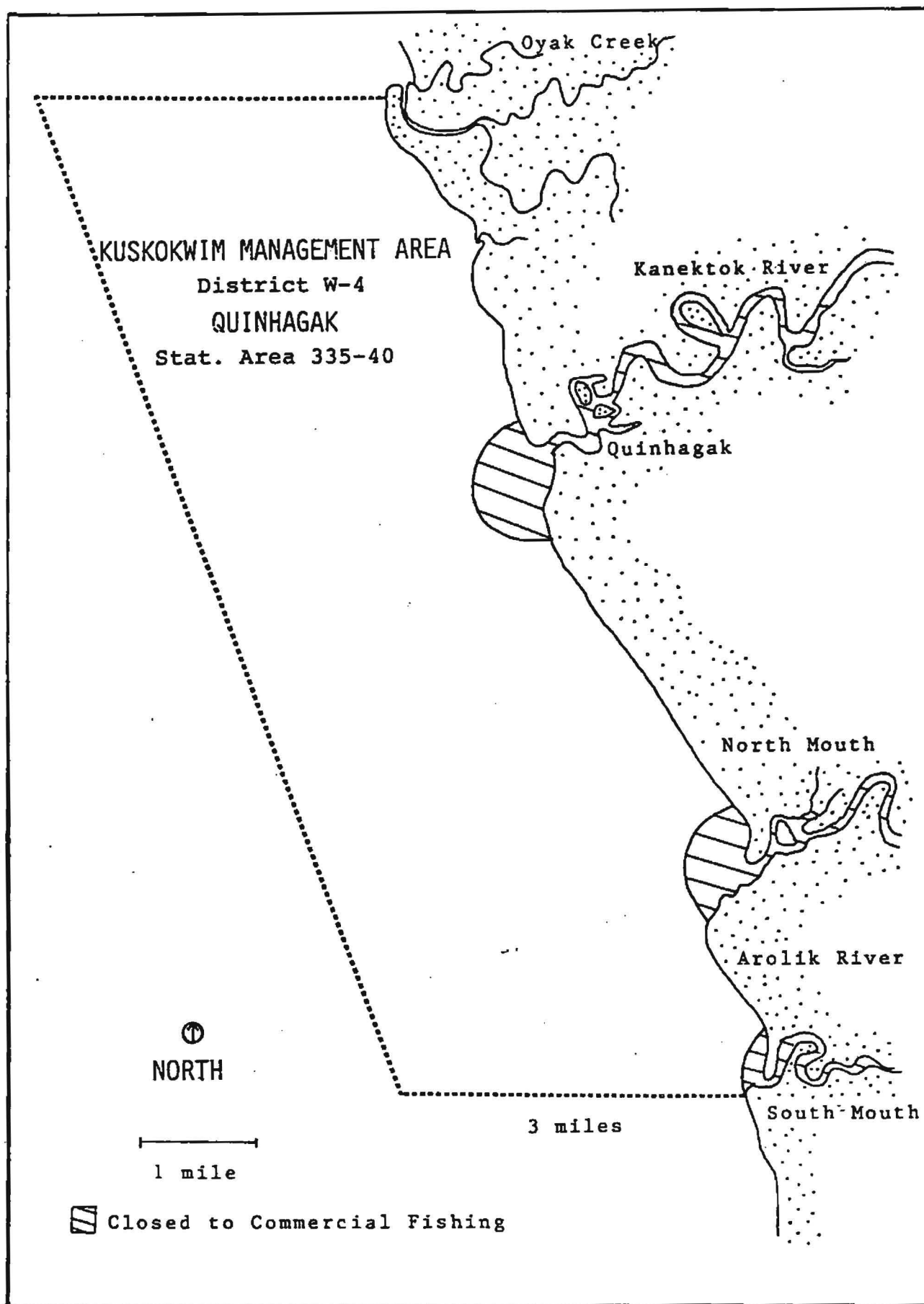


Figure 4. Kuskokwim Management Area, District W-4, 1984.

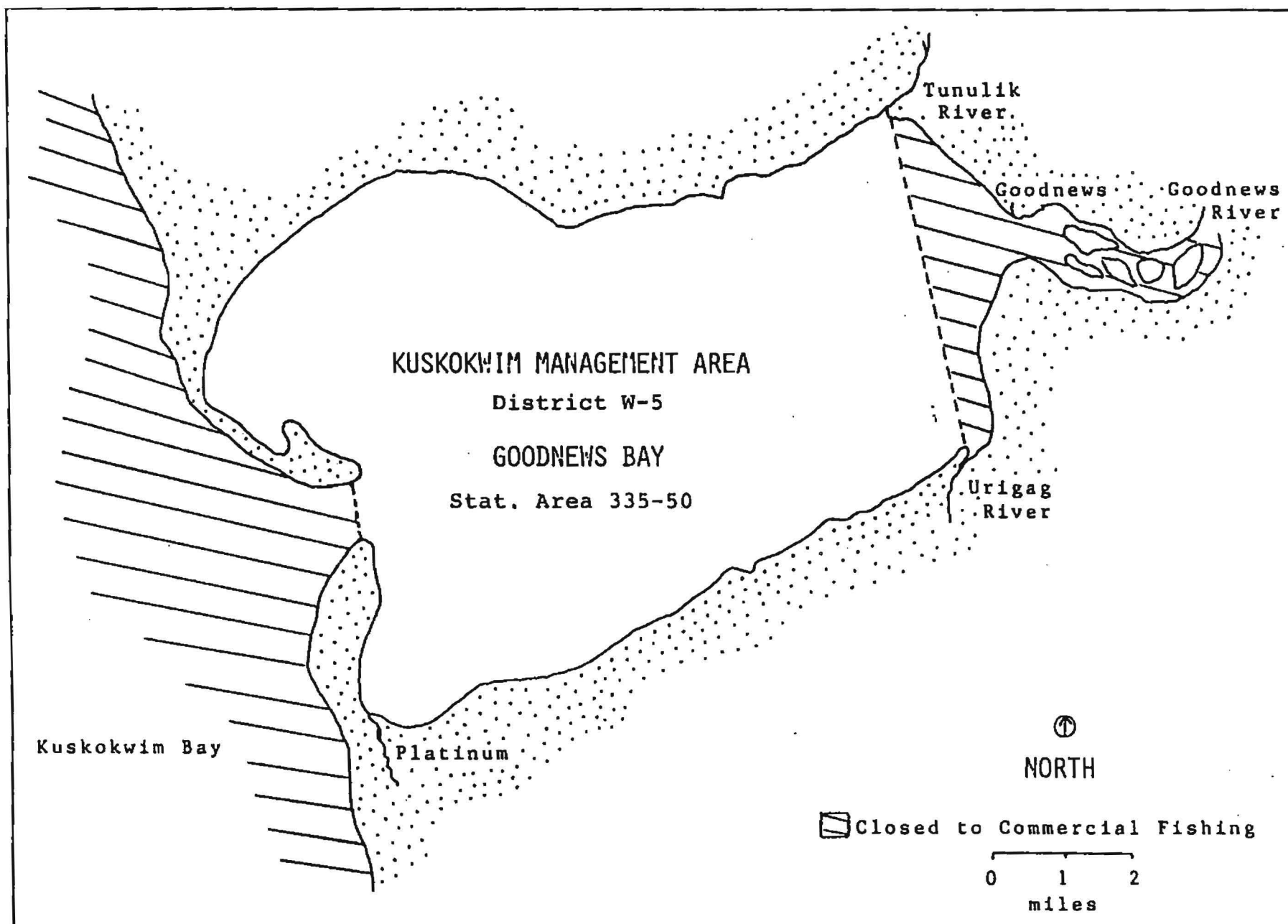


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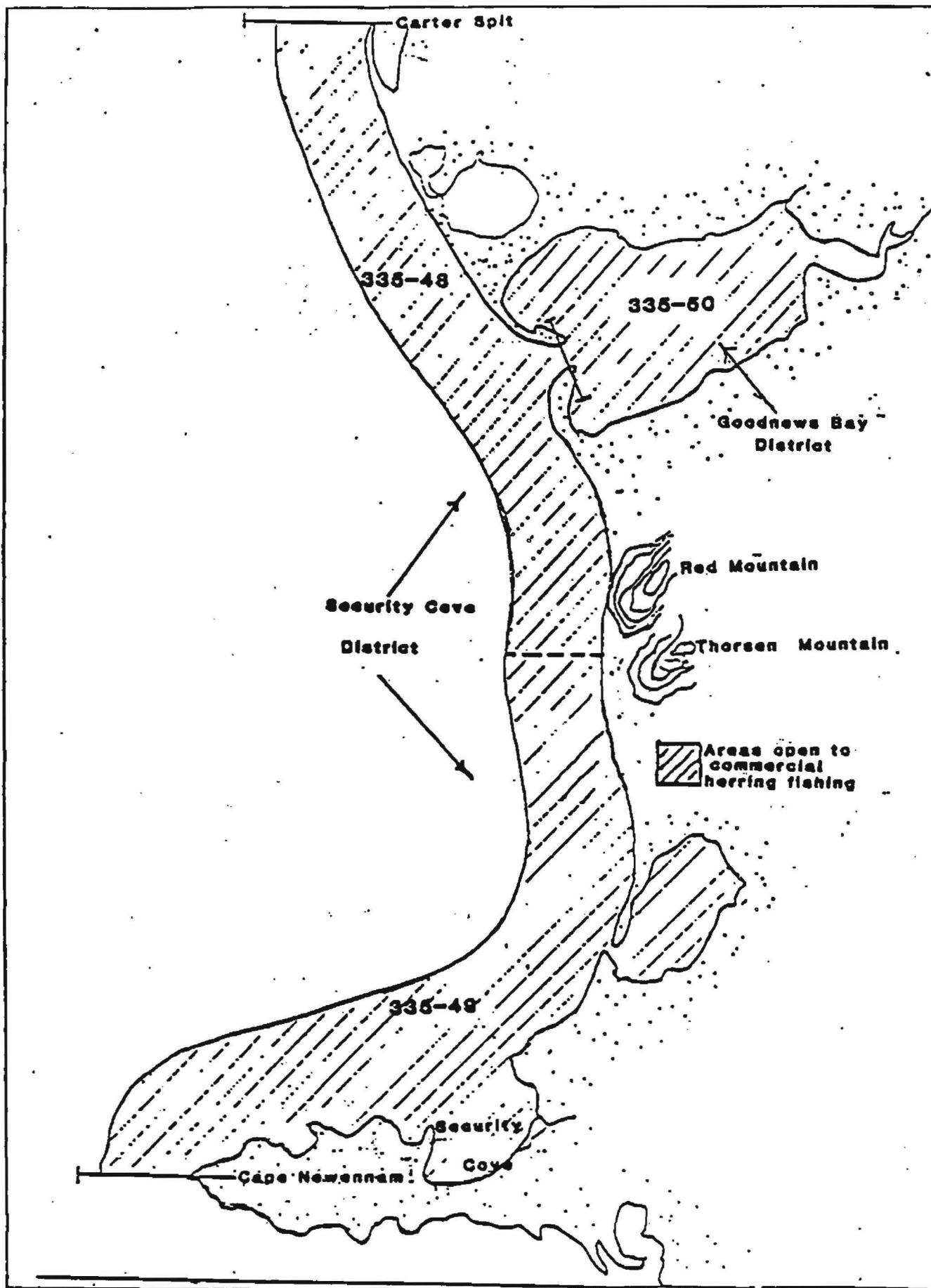


Figure 6. Goodnews Bay and Security Cove Herring Districts and Statistical Reporting Areas.

Appendix Table 1. Kuskokwim Area commercial and subsistence salmon catches, 1913-1984.

DATE	COMMERCIAL CATCH						SUBSISTENCE CATCH			
	CHINOOK	SOCKEYE	COHO	PINK	CHUM	TOTAL	CHINOOK	OTHER	SALMON1/	TOTAL
1913	7,800					7,800				
1914		2,667				2,667				
1915										
1916	949					949				
1917	7,878					7,878				
1918	3,055					3,055				
1919	4,836					4,836				
1920	34,853					34,853				
1921	9,854					9,854				
1922	8,944	6,120				15,064				180,000
1923	7,254					7,254				
1924	19,253	900	7,167	7,167		34,487	17,700	203,148	217,848	220,848
1925	1,644	5,800				7,514	10,800	230,850	241,650	
1926						7,444			738,576	
1927									286,254	
1928									481,090	
1929									560,196	
1930	7,626	2,448				9,963	10,074		538,650	
1931	8,541					8,541			389,367	
1932	9,339					9,339			746,415	
1933							6,290	443,998	440,288	450,288
1934							20,800	597,132	617,932	
1935	6,448		8,296			14,744	22,930	554,040	576,980	970
1936	624					624	33,500	549,423	582,923	
1937	480					480			537,111	
1938	624		828			1,452	10,153	400,242	410,395	
1939	134					134	14,000	125,425	139,425	2.
1940	247		500			747	8,000	415,523	423,523	
1941	187		674			861	8,000	415,523	423,523	
1942							6,400	325,339	331,739	

Appendix Table 1 (continued).

DATE	COMMERCIAL CATCH						SUBSISTENCE CATCH			
	CHINOOK	SOCKEYE	COHO	PINK	CHUM	TOTAL	CHINOOK	OTHER SALMON	1/	TOTAL
1943 ...							6,400	325,339	331,739	
1946	2,288		674			2,962				
1947 ...	5,356					5,356				
1951 ...	4,210					4,210				
1954 ...	57					57				
1959	3,760					3,760				
1960	5,969	5,649	5,498		3	17,119	20,361	327,297		347,658
1961	23,246	2,308	5,090	91	18,864	49,599	30,910	185,447		216,357
1962	20,867	10,313	12,598	4,340	45,707	93,825 93,831	14,642	165,626		180,268
1963	18,571		15,660			34,231	37,246	141,550		178,796
1964	21,230	13,422	28,992	939	707	65,290	30,853	214,942		245,795
1965	24,965	1,886	12,191		4,242	43,284	31,143	323,002		354,145
1966	25,823	1,030	22,985	268	2,610	52,716	53,606	201,002		254,608
1967	29,986	652	58,239		8,235	97,112	61,224	252,447		313,671
1968	43,157	5,887	154,302	75,818	19,694	298,845 298,858	34,986	301,531		336,517
1969	64,777	10,362	110,473	1,251	50,377	237,240	43,732	245,299		289,031
1970	65,032	12,654	62,245	27,422	60,566	227,979 227,979	71,376	263,746		335,112
1971	44,936	6,054	10,006	13	99,423	160,432	45,465	130,329		175,974
1972	55,482	4,312	23,880	1,952	97,197	182,823	43,335	131,514		184,849 184,849 174,347
1973	51,374	5,224	152,408	634	184,207	393,847	41,697	211,468		253,165
1974	30,670	29,003	179,579	60,052	196,127	495,431	29,590	321,358		350,848
1975	27,799	17,535	109,814	899	223,532	379,579	51,045	180,429		231,474
1976	49,262	13,636	112,130	39,998	231,877	447,903	60,603	239,461		300,064
1977	58,256	18,621	263,728	434	298,959	629,998	58,163	218,824		276,987 2/
1978	63,194	13,734	247,271	61,968	282,044	668,211	38,209	137,489		175,698
1979	53,314	39,463	308,683	574	297,167	299,201	57,283	190,582		247,865

Appendix Table 1 (continued).

DATE	COMMERCIAL CATCH						SUBSISTENCE CATCH		
	CHINOOK	SOCKEYE	COHO	PINK	CHUM	TOTAL	CHINOOK	OTHER SALMON1/	TOTAL
1980	48,242	42,213	327,908	30,306	561,483	1,010,152	59,900	105,000	164,900
1981	79,378	105,940	278,587	463	485,635	950,003	63,640	187,732	251,572 251,372
1982	79,816	97,716	567,451	18,259	325,471	1,088,713	61,146	194,200	255,346
1983	93,676	90,834	249,018	379	306,554	740,461	50,704	136,242	186,946
1984	74,006	81,307	829,965	23,902	488,482	1,497,662	61,004	167,542	228,546
5 YEAR AVERAGE (1979-1983)	70,885	75,233	346,329	9,996	395,262	897,706	58,535	162,751	221,356

- 1/ Primarily chum salmon and coho salmon.
 2/ Goodnews Bay not surveyed prior to 1977.
 3/ Preliminary figures.

Appendix Table 2. Kuskokwim Area, commercial effort by district,
1970-1984. 1/

YEAR	CHINOOK SEASON	CHUM SEASON	COHO SEASON	TOTAL
<u>DISTRICT 1</u>				
1970	361	2/	266	387
1971	418	216	83	422
1972	405	176	245	425
1973	456	341	411	530
1974	606	467	516	666
1975	472	540	533	737
1976	561	517	516	674
1977	563	522	572	653
1978	615	61	597	723
1979	591	617	613	685
1980	553	579	586	663
1981	589	613	586	679
1982	610	576	596	686
1983	544	619	577	679
1984	520	587	619	654
Previous 5 Year Average (1979-1983)	577	601	592	678
<u>DISTRICT 2</u>				
1970	10	2/	11	18
1971	22	2/	2/	22
1972	12	2/	2/	12
1973	28	2/	2/	28
1974	36	2/	16	37
1975	38	2/	2/	38
1976	55	2/	11	57
1977	83	54	24	105
1978	28	2/	16	43
1979	41	2/	20	43
1980	37	21	12	43
1981	153	11	16	153
1982	38	50	25	60
1983	14	42	9	43
1984	15	49	32	58
Previous 5 Year Average (1979-1983)	57	31	16	68

Appendix Table 2. (Continued). Kuskokwim Area, commercial effort by district, 1970-1984. 1/

<u>District 4</u>		<u>District 5</u>	
YEAR	TOTAL	YEAR	TOTAL
1970	88	1970	35
1971	61	1971	16
1972	107	1972	14
1973	109	1973	21
1974	196	1974	49
1975	197	1975	50
1976	181	1976	40
1977	258	1977	34
1978	200	1978	35
1979	206	1979	30
1980	169	1980	48
1981	186	1981	48
1982	177	1982	48
1983	226	1983	79
1984	260	1984	77
Previous 5 Year Average (1979-1983)	201		66
Kuskokwim Area 3/			
<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>		
1984	744		

1/ Number of actual fishing vessels

2/ No commercial fishing allowed.

3/ Data not available for years prior to 1984.

Appendix Table 3. Kuskokwim Area Salmon Fleet Description, 1978 and 1983. 1/

YEAR	NUMBER FISHING VESSELS	MEAN HORSE POWER	PERCENT GASOLINE ENGINE	MEAN VESSEL LENGTH	MEAN VESSEL AGE	H U L L T Y P E P E R C E N T				NUMBER TENDERS
						AL 2/	FG 3/	UNK 4/	WOOD	
1978 5/	651	43	98.1	22	10	9.2	1.3	0.6	88.9	21
1983	912	60	98.5	22	7	22.6	3.0	1.1	73.3	33

1/ Data from the 1978 and 1983 AYK Fleet Descriptions, project: 84128.1
Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (C.F.E.C.), May 18, 1984.

2/ Aluminum

3/ Fiberglass

4/ Unknown

5/ 1978 was the first year C.F.E.C. had vessel license information.

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Appendix Table 4. Kuskokwim Area commercial catches by drainage,
1960-1984

KUSKOKWIM 1/	CHINOOK	SOCKEYE	COHO	PINK	CHUM	TOTAL
1960	5,969	0	2,498	0		8,467
1961	18,918	0	5,044	0		23,962
1962	15,341	0	12,432	0		27,773
1963	12,016	0	15,660	0		27,676
1964	17,149	0	28,613	0		45,762
1965	21,989	0	12,191	0		34,180
1966	25,545	0	22,985	0		34,180 530 48, 447
1967	29,986	0	56,313	0	148	86,447
1968	34,278	0	127,306	0	187	161,771
1969	43,997	322	83,765	0	7,165	135,249
1970	39,290	117	38,601	44	1,664	79,716
1971	40,274	2,606	5,253	0	68,914	117,047
1972	39,454	102	22,579	8	78,619	140,762
1973	32,838	369	130,876	33	148,746	312,862
1974	18,664	136	147,269	84	171,887	337,984 338,040
1975	21,720	23	81,945	10	181,840	285,538
1976	30,735	2,971	88,501	133	177,864	300,204
1977	35,830	9,379	241,364	203	248,721	535,451 497
1978	45,641	733	213,393	5,832	248,656	514,255
1979	38,966	1,054	219,060	78	261,874	521,032
1980	35,881	360	222,042	803	483,211	742,297 267
1981	47,663	48,375	211,241	292	418,677	726,258
1982	48,234	33,154	447,117	1,748	278,306	808,559
1983	33,174	68,855	196,287	211	267,698	575,225
1984	31,742	48,575	623,447 513,447	2,942	423,718	1,130,424
5 year average (1979-1983)	40,783	30,360	259,145	626	343,753	674,674

1/ Districts 1 and 2.

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Appendix Table 4. Kuskokwim Area commercial catches by drainage,
1960-1984 (continued).

KANEKTOK	CHINOOK	SOCKEYE	COHO	PINK	CHUM	TOTAL
1960	0	5,649	3,000	0	0	8,649
1961	4,328	2,308	46	90	18,854	25,636
1962	5,526	10,313	0	4,340	45,707	65,886
1963	6,555	0	0	0	0	6,555
1964	4,081	13,422	379	939	707	19,528
1965	2,976	1,886	0	0	4,242	9,104
1966	278	1,030	0	268	2,610	4,186
1967	0	652	1,926	0	8,087	10,665
1968	8,879	5,884	21,511	75,818	19,497	131,589
1969	16,802	3,784	15,077	953	38,206	74,822
1970	18,269	5,393	16,850	15,195	46,556	102,623
1971	4,185	3,118	2,982	12	30,203	40,506
1972	15,880	3,286	376	1,878	17,247	38,667
1973	14,993	2,783	16,515	277	19,680	54,248
1974	8,704	19,510	10,979	43,642	15,928	98,133
1975	3,928	8,584	10,742	486	35,233	58,973
1976	14,110	6,090	13,777	31,412	43,659	109,048
1977	19,090	5,519	0,028	202	43,707	77,546
1978	12,335	7,589	20,114	47,033	24,798	111,869
1979	11,144	18,828	47,525	295	25,995	103,787
1980	10,387	13,221	62,610	21,671	65,984	173,873
1981	24,525	17,292	47,587	160	53,316	142,880
1982	22,106	25,685	73,651	11,838	33,336	166,616
1983	46,385	10,263	32,442	168	23,090	112,348
1984	33,652	17,258	135,342	16,249	50,424	252,925
5 Year Average (1979-1983)	22,909	17,058	52,763	6,826	40,344	139,900

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 Appendix Table 4. Kuskokwim Area commercial catches by drainage,
 1960-1984 (continued).

GOODNEWS BAY	CHINOOK	SOCKEYE	COHO	PINK	CHUM	TOTAL
1968			5,485			5,485
1969 1/	3,987	6,256	11,631	298	5,006	27,169
1970	7,163	7,144	6,974	12,183	12,346	45,630
1971	477	330	1,771	0	301	2,879
1972	264	924	925	66	1,331	3,510
1973	3,543	2,072	5,017	324	15,781	26,737
1974	3,302	9,357	21,340	16,373	8,942	59,314
1975	2,156	9,098	17,889	419	5,904	35,466
1976	4,417	5,575	9,852	8,453	10,354	38,651
1977	3,336	3,723	13,335	29	6,531	26,954
1978	5,218	5,412	13,764	9,103	8,590	42,087
1979	3,204	19,581	42,098	201	9,298	74,382
1980	2,331	28,632	43,256	7,832	11,748	93,799
1981	7,190	40,273	19,749	11	13,642	80,865
1982	9,476	38,877	46,683	4,673	13,829	113,538
1983	14,117	11,716	19,660	0	6,766	52,259
1984	8,612	15,474	71,176	4,711	14,340	114,313
5 Year Average (1979-1984)	7,264	27,816	34,289	2,443	11,057	82,869

1/ District 5 and includes Chagvan Bay.

Appendix Table 5. Dollar value estimates of Kuskokwim Area commercial salmon fishery, 1964-1984. 1/

YEAR	GROSS VALUE OF CATCH TO FISHERMEN	WAGES EARNED 2/	TOTAL INCOME TO DISTRICT	VALUE OF PACK 3/	TAX REVENUE TO STATE 4/
1964	83,030.00			409,700.00	6,100.00
1965	90,950.00			370,000.00	8,200.00
1966	87,466.00			406,500.00	8,100.00
1967	138,647.00	20,000.00	158,647.00	727,000.00	N/A
1968	290,370.00	40,000.00	330,370.00	1,135,000.00	17,000.00
1969	297,233.00	60,435.00	357,668.00	N/A	N/A
1970	362,470.00	127,327.00	489,797.00	1,300,000.00	20,000.00
1971	371,220.00	80,510.00	451,730.00	672,180.00	16,770.00
1972	360,727.00	85,895.00	447,662.00	N/A	N/A
1973	827,735.00	150,000.00	977,735.00	3,600,000.99	32,000.00
1974	1,056,042.00	150,000.00	1,206,042.00	N/A	N/A
1975	899,178.00	165,000.00		2,000,000.00	25,000.00
1976	1,380,229.00	175,000.00	1,555,229.00	N/A	N/A
1977	3,891,950.00	200,000.00	4,091,950.00	N/A	N/A
1978	2,337,470.00	250,000.00	2,578,470.00	N/A	N/A
1979	3,678,000.00	275,000.00	3,953,000.00	N/A	N/A
1980	2,725,134.00	300,000.00	3,025,134.00	N/A	N/A
1981	3,766,525.00	325,000.00	4,091,525.00	N/A	N/A
1982	4,213,954.00	350,000.00	4,563,954.00	N/A	98,240.00 5/
1983	2,670,400.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	37,254.00
1984	5,809,000.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

- 1/ Information not available for wages earned during 1964-1966
2/ Includes wages paid to tenderboat operators, processing plant and employees in the district.
3/ Based on type of processing when fish were shipped out of the district.
4/ Audit Division, Department of Revenue
5/ One-half of this revenue is "shared back" to city of Bethel.

85 3,253,453

86 4,746,089

22% ↑ of Avg

81-85 Avg 3,894,932

Appendix Table 6. Mean salmon weights and prices paid to fishermen, Kuskokwim Area, 1964-1984.

YEAR	CHINOOK	SOCKEYE	COHO	PINK	CHUM
<u>Mean Weights - Lb.</u>					
1964	23.2	5.8	6.5	2/	6.1
1965	21.7	6.6	6.5	2/	2/
1966	23.2	2/	6.7	2/	2/
1967	27.8	7.4	5.9	2/	7.0
1968	23.8	6.2	7.2	4.0	7.9
1969	19.6	6.2	7.3	3.6	5.8
1970	18.9	5.4	7.3	3.3	6.1
1971	26.2	6.9	6.1	2/	6.4
1976	17.0	6.7	7.8	3.5	7.0
1977	22.7	8.3	7.8	3.9	7.3
1978	24.2	6.5	7.1	3.9	8.9
1979	16.6	6.9	7.9	3.9	7.0
1980	14.1	6.7	6.9	3.6	6.4
1981	17.8	7.2	6.4	3.5	7.5
1982	19.3	7.2	7.3	3.6	7.3
1983	18.8	6.8	6.8	3.5	7.4
1984	16.4	6.6	7.7	3.2	6.7
<u>Mean Price Per Pound</u>					
1964	0.14	0.09	0.05	2/	2/
1965 1/					
1966	0.13		0.06		2/
1967	0.13	0.05	0.09	2/	0.04
1968	0.16	0.10	0.09	0.05	0.04
1969	0.19	0.15	0.10	0.06	0.07
1970	0.20	0.21	0.14	0.08	0.08
1971 3/	0.17	0.10	0.13	2/	0.08
1972	0.20		0.16	2/	0.08
1973	0.25		0.26	2/	0.19
1974	0.46	0.34	0.27	0.23	0.25
1975	0.54	2/	0.31		0.26
1976 4/	0.64	0.43	0.40	0.25	0.27
1977	1.15	0.45	0.65	0.25	0.45
1978	0.50	4.49	0.40	0.12	0.32
1979	0.66	0.53	0.75	0.11	0.37
1980	0.47	0.31	0.64	0.12	0.24
1981	0.84	0.61	0.63	0.11	0.23
1982	0.82	0.41	0.53	0.05	0.22
1983	0.54	0.51	0.39	0.05	0.33
1984	0.89	0.52	0.55	0.07	0.28

1/ Samples available only for two periods: 7/1-2 - 7/5-6

2/ Information unavailable

3/ Information not available for District 5.

4/ Information not available for District 4.

Appendix Table 7. Commercial salmon pack by species in round weight (lbs.) Kuskokwim Area, 1968-1984. 1/

	1968	1969
<u>Fresh or Frozen</u>		
Chinook	794,682	1,032,863
Sockeye	36,480	25,351
Coho	1,090,690	32,254
Pink	303,270	3,413
Chum	146,230	249,007
<u>Salmon Roe</u>		
(lbs. of finished product)	2/	56,926

	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
<u>Fresh or Frozen</u>					
Chinook	1,113,890	801,628	1,400,243	1,371,685	566,941
Sockeye	68,116	30,635	4,319	37,816	179,768
Coho	453,125	64,457	152,832	883,966	1,245,132
Pink	90,703		6,442	2,092	246,134
Chum	367,715	678,173	631,781	1,252,607	1,220,496
<u>Salmon Roe</u>					
(lbs of finished product)	42,958	64,136	62,963	165,574	2/

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
<u>Fresh or Frozen</u>					
Chinook	159,845	935,652	1,326,773	1,530,461	999,043
Sockeye	108,216	95,761	154,706	89,489	320,541
Coho	670,598	809,916	2,009,171	1,758,213	2,418,186
Pink	2,809	133,911	1,478	241,523	2,290
Chum	1,350,936	1,609,718	2,185,549	2,508,123	2,059,686
<u>Salmon Roe</u>					
(lbs. of finished product)	43,113	120,405 3/	109,105 3/	140,496 3/	

Appendix Table 7. Commercial salmon pack by species in round weight
(lbs.) Kuskokwim Area, 1968-1984 (continued). 1/

	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
<u>Fresh or Frozen</u>					
Chinook	617,137	1462,593	1,541,023	1,760,768	1,212,050
Sockeye	290,251	761,848	707,560	620,891	643,909
Coho	2,234,781	1,862,836	4,143,834	1,698,880	6,384,058
Pink	107,719	1,628	66,202	1,315	76,946
Chum	3,471,378	3,538,440	2,379,227	2,274,730	3,289,162
<u>Salmon Roe</u>					
(lbs. of finished products)	110,806	26,321	2/	2/	2/

1/ Pack represents type of processing when fish were shipped out of district.

2/ Information not available.

3/ Raw product.

Appendix Table 8. Fishes commonly found in the Kuskokwim Area.

SPECIES CODE	GENUS AND SPECIES ¹	COMMON NAME ¹
162	<i>Cottus cognatus</i>	Slimy Sculpin
410	<i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i>	Chinook Salmon
420	<i>Onchorhynchus nerka</i>	Sockeye Salmon
430	<i>Onchorhynchus kisutch</i>	Coho Salmon
440	<i>Onchorhynchus gorbuscha</i>	Pink Salmon
450	<i>Onchorhynchus keta</i>	Chum Salmon
500	<i>Esox lucius</i>	Northern Pike
513	<i>Osmerus mordax</i>	Rainbow Smelt
514	<i>Hypomesus olidus</i>	Pond Smelt
520	<i>Salvelinus alpinus</i>	Arctic Char
541	<i>Salmo gairdneri</i>	Rainbow Trout
550	<i>Salvelinus namaycush</i>	Lake Trout
570	<i>Stenodus leucichthys</i>	Inconnu
581	<i>Coregonus nasus</i>	Broad Whitefish
582	<i>Coregonus pidschian</i>	Humpback Whitefish
583	<i>Coregonus sardinella</i>	Least Cisco
584	<i>Coregonus autumnalis</i>	Arctic Crisco
585	<i>Prosopium cylindraceum</i>	Round Whitefish
590	<i>Lota lota</i>	Burbot
601	<i>Lampetra japonica</i>	Arctic Lamprey
610	<i>Thymallus arcticus</i>	Arctic Grayling
630	<i>Dallia pectoralis</i>	Alaska Blackfish
640	<i>Catostomus catostomus</i>	Longnose Sucker
661	<i>Pungitius pungitius</i>	Ninespine Stickleback
113	<i>Eleginus gracilis</i>	Saffron Cod
121	<i>Platichthys stellatus</i>	Starry Flounder
122	<i>Liopsetta glacialis</i>	Arctic Flounder
166	<i>Oligocottus maculosus</i>	Tidepool Sculpin
200	<i>Hippoglossus stenolepis</i>	Pacific Halibut
230	<i>Clupea harengus passasi</i>	Pacific Herring
516	<i>Mallotus villosus</i>	Capelin

1/ Based on Americal Fisheries Society Special Publication No. 12, A List of Common and Scientific Names of Fishes from the United States and Canada (Fourth Edition). Committee on Names of Fishes, Bethesda, Maryland, 1980.

Appendix Table 9. Kuskokwim Area escapement index objectives for chinook, sockeye, coho and chum salmon, 1984.

	Escapement Objective 1/			
	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Chum
<u>KUSKOKWIM RIVER</u>				
1. Kwethluk River				
a. 3-step Mt. to Canyon Cr.	1.0	-	-	7.0
b. Canyon Creek	0.2	-	-	-
2. Kisaralik River				
a. Airstrip to Kisaralik L.	1.0	-	-	8.0
b. Kasigluk R. (upper to lower)	1.0	-	-	8.0
3. Tuluksak River (Fog R. to Bear Cr.)	0.4	-	-	5.0
4. Aniak River				
a. Buckstock R. to Aniak L.	1.5	-	-	10.0
b. Salmon River	0.6	-	-	3.0
c. Aniak Sonar Project 2/	-	-	-	250.0
5. Holitna River				
a. Nogamut to Kasheglok	20.0	1.0	-	49.0
b. Kogrukluk Weir	10.0	2.0	25.0	30.0
6. Salmon river (Pitka Fork)	1.3	-	-	-
<u>KUSKOKWIM BAY</u>				
1. Kanektok River and Kagati Lake	5.8	32.0	25.0	54.0
2. Goodnews River System				
a. Main Fork and lakes	1.6	15.0	15.0	17.0
b. Middle Fork and lakes	0.8	5.0	2.0	4.0
c. Middle Fork Tower Project 4/	3.5	40.0	-	15.0

1/ Escapement objectives in thousands of fish are preliminary and are subject to change as additional data becomes available. Unless otherwise indicated, escapement objectives are based on aerial index counts which do not represent total escapement, but do reflect annual spawner abundance trends when made using standard survey methods under acceptable survey conditions.

2/ Sonar total escapement estimates.

3/ Total Kogrukluk River escapement estimates.

4/ Tower total escapement estimate.

Appendix Table 10. Kuskokwim River distances 1/.

	MOUTH KILOMETER	MILES	DISTANCE FROM BETHEL KILOMETER	MILES
<u>Kuskokwim River</u>				
Kuskokwim River Mouth 60.80 N, 162.42 W	0	0	-126	-78
Eek Island, North end 60 10' (boundry District 1)	27	17	- 99	-62
Eek River	36	22	-100	-62
Kwegooyuk	38	24	- 88	-55
Kinak River	48	30	- 78	49
Tuntutuliak Village	57	35	- 88	-54
Kialik River	60	37	- 67	-41
Fowler Island	84	52	- 42	-26
Johnson River	94	58	- 32	-20
Napakiak Village	104	65	- 22	-14
Napaskiak Village	115	71	- 12	- 7
Oscarville Village	115	72	- 11	- 7
Bethel City	126	78	0	0
Gweek River	145	90	19	12
Kwethluk Village	159	99	33	20
Akiachuk Village	169	105	43	27
Kasigluk River	175	108	48	30
Kisaralik River	176	109	50	31
Akiak Village	190	118	64	40
Mishevik Slough (boundry Districts 1 and 2)	198	123	71	44
Tuluksak Village	218	136	92	57
Mud Creek Slough	298	185	172	107
Kalskag Village	309	192	183	114
Aniak Village, Aniak River	362	225	236	147
Chuathbaluk Village	375	233	249	155
Kolmakof River (boundary District 2)	396	246	270	168
Napaimiut Village	410	255	284	176
Holokuk River	415	258	289	179
Oskawalik River	449	279	323	201
Crooked Creek Village	467	290	341	212
Georgetown Village, George River	497	309	371	230
Red Devil Village	526	327	400	249
Sleetmute Village	539	335	413	256
Holitna River	541	336	415	258
Stony River Village	585	364	459	285
Stony River	587	365	461	286
Swift River	612	380	486	302
Tatlawiksuk River	617	383	491	305
Devil's Elbow	645	401	519	323

Appendix Table 10. Kuskokwim River distances 1/ (continued).

	MOUTH		DISTANCE FROM BETHEL	
	KILOMETER	MILES	KILOMETER	MILES
Vinasale	736	460	610	341
McGrath Village	881	507	685	428
Middle Fork	885	553	759	474
Big River	896	560	770	481
Pitka Fork	916	572	790	494
Medfra Village	923	577	797	499
South Fork	927	579	801	501
East Fork	938	586	812	508
North Fork	938	586	812	508
Nikolai Village	994	621	868	542
Swift Fork	1,129	706	1,003	627
Telida Villages	1,178	736	1,052	658
Highpower Cr.	1,193	746	1,068	667
Fish Creek	1,277	798	1,151	719
North Fork Lake	1,327	829	1,201	751
Top of Kuskokwim Drainage	1,490	931	1,364	852

1/ These distances were taken from the USGS 1:63,300 series of topographic maps. The "mouth" was defined as the point where the "grassland" banks are 24 miles apart.

Appendix Table 11. Associated Environmental and Catch Data,
Kuskokwim River, 1965-1984. 1/

YEAR	BREAKUP BETHEL	RIVER CLEAR OF ICE	FIRST REPORTED KING SALMON	FIRST REPORTED SMELT	FREEZE-UP AT BETHEL
1965	2/	2/	May 31	May 25	2/
1966	June 1	2/	June 1 3/	June 6	Oct. 20
1967	May 6	May 17	May 20	May 25	Oct. 19
1968	May 14	May 17	May 26	2/	2/
1969	May 6	May 13	May 23	2/	2/
1970	May 12	May 16	May 21	May 27	Oct. 18
1971	May 24	May 29	June 6	June 7	Nov. 4
1972	May 23	May 28	June 5	June 6	Nov. 3
1973	May 14	May 18	May 27	May 31	Oct. 15
1974	May 7	May 19	May 23	May 25	2/
1975	May 19	May 25	May 26	May 29	Oct. 29
1976	May 18	May 28	June 1	2/	Oct. 27
1977	May 23	June 1	May 31	June 2	Oct. 18
1978	2/	2/	May 18	May 22	Oct. 25
1979	Apr 27	May 7	May 16	2/	Nov. 19
1980	May 4	May 10	May 17	May 22	2/
1981	May 9	May 12	May 22	May 6	Nov. -
1982	May 18	May 22	June 1	June 3	Oct. 30
1983	May 11	May 13	May 23	June 1	Oct. 22
1984	May 13	May 23	May 27	May 27	Oct. 18

1/ Environmental data, breakup, clear of ice and freeze-up from National Weather Service.

2/ Data Not available

3/ Caught at Kalskag

Appendix Table 12. Utilization of Kuskokwim River chinook salmon,
1960-1984.

YEAR	COMMERCIAL CATCH 1/	SUBSISTENCE CATCH 2/	TOTAL UTILIZATION	PREVIOUS FIVE YEAR AVERAGE
1960	5,969	20,361	26,330	
1961	18,918	30,910	49,828	
1962	15,341	14,642	29,983	
1963	12,016 3/	37,246	29,262	
1964	17,149 3/	29,017	46,166	
1965	21,989 3/	27,143	49,132	40,313
1966	25,545 4/	49,606	75,151	44,874
1967	29,986	57,875	87,861	49,938
1968	34,278	30,230	64,508	61,514
1969	43,997	40,138	84,135	64,563
1970	39,290	69,204	108,494	72,157
1971	40,274	42,926	83,200	67,128
1972	39,454	40,145	79,599	85,639
1973	32,838	38,526	71,365	71,068
1974	18,664	26,665	45,329	85,358
1975	21,720	47,784	69,504	77,597
1976	30,735	58,185	88,920	69,799
1977	35,830	55,577	91,407	70,943
1978	45,641	35,881	81,522	73,305
1979	38,966	55,524	94,490	75,336
1980	35,881	59,900	95,781	85,169
1981	47,663	59,669	107,332	90,424
1982	48,234	53,310	101,544	94,106
1983	33,174	46,900 5/	80,074	96,133
1984	31,742	57,200 5/	88,942	95,844

1/ Districts 1, 2 and 3.

2/ Catches are expanded and include all village surveyed each year.

3/ District 2/3 boundry changed from Aniak to Kolmokoff River, no catch reported for District 3.

4/ District 3 eliminated.

5/ Estimate from limited survey.

Appendix Table 13. Peak aerial salmon escapement index counts, Kuskokwim Area, 1960-1984. 1/

YEAR	I N D E X C O U N T 2/				AREA SURVEYED 3/	RATING
	CHINOOK	SOCKEYE	COHO	CHUM		
<u>GOODNEWS RIVER</u>						
1959	-	-	4,100	-	Entire	Fair
1960	2,503	300	-	8,500	Entire 3/	Fair
1961	1,780	900	-	2,325	Entire	Fair
1968	1,790	-	6,280	36,100	Entire	Fair
1975	829	3,335	-	1,090	Mouth to Nimgum Creek	Fair
1976	1,150	5,940	-	16,900	Mouth to Slate Creek	Good
1977	2,163	4,271	-	15,993	Mouth to Goodnews Lake	Good
1979	635	987	-	8,349	Mouth to Goodnews Lake	Fair
1980	1,228	30,239	23,671	1,975	Mouth to Goodnews Lake	Fair
1982	1,990	19,160	-	9,700	Entire	Good
1983	2,600	5,450	-	-	Mouth to Goodnews Lake	Fair
1984	2,002	12,307	43,925	28,124	Mouth to Goodnews Lake	Fair
ALL YEARS						
AVERAGE	1,697	8,289	19,494	12,806		
<u>KANEKTOK RIVER</u>						
1960	6,047	34,900	420	36,100	Entire	Fair
1962	935	43,108	-	-	Entire	Fair
1966	3,718	-	-	28,800	Entire	Fair
1968	4,170	8,000	4,765	69,760	Entire	Fair
1970	3,112	1,900	-	69,000	Lake to Mile 20	Fair
1976	3,079	2,936	-	6,197	Entire	Fair
1977	5,787	6,304	-	32,157	Entire	Fair
1978	19,180	44,215	-	229,290	Entire	Fair
1980	6,172	113,931	69,325	25,950	Entire	Good
1981	15,900	49,175	-	66,849	Entire	Fair
1982	8,142	55,950	9,700	8,820	Entire	Fair
1983	8,890	2,340	-	9,360	Entire	Fair
1984	11,282	30,910	46,830	48,360	Entire	Fair
ALL YEARS						
AVERAGE	7,416	32,806	26,208	52,554		
<u>KWETHLUK RIVER</u>						
1960	1,320	-	-	1,300	Upper 40 Miles	Fair
1966	516	-	-	1,300	Upper 35 Miles	Fair
1968	800	-	-	3,900	Entire	Fair
1976	997	-	-	7,576	Devil's Elbow to Canyon Creek	Fair
1977	1,999	-	-	19,621	3 Step Mt. to Canyon Crk	Fair

Appendix Table 13. Peak aerial salmon escapement index counts, Kuskokwim Area, 1960-1984 (continued) 1/

YEAR	INDEX COUNT 1/			CHUM	AREA SURVEYED 3/	RATING
	CHINOOK	SOCKEYE	COHO			
<u>KWETHLUK RIVER (con't)</u>						
1978	1,722	-	-	3,220	3 Step Mt. to Canyon Crk	Fair
1979	822	-	-	4,739	3 Step Mt. to Canyon Crk	Fair
1981	2,034	-	-	5,496	Entire	Fair
1983	471	-	809	6,432	3 Step Mt. to include Canyon Creek	Fair
1984	273	150	-	1,636	3 Step Mt. to include Canyon Creek	Fair
ALL YEARS						
AVERAGE	1,095	150	809	5,522		
<u>KISARALIK RIVER</u>						
1959	-	-	100	-	Entire	Fair
1960	1,104	-	-	2,300	Entire	Fair
1968	487	-	-	5,800	Upper River	Fair
1970	531	-	-	4,410	Airstrip to Quicksilver Creek	Fair
1973	152	-	-	861	Airstrip-1 mile Abv falls	Fair
1976	873	-	1	10,921	10 Mi. Blw Foothills-Lake	Fair
1978	2,417	20	-	2,100	Airstrip to Lake	Fair
1981	940	-	-	7,508	Entire	Fair
1982	81	-	-	40	Entire	Fair
1983	476	-	406	3,060	Entire	Fair
1984	157	28	-	701	Entire	Fair
ALL YEARS						
AVERAGE	722	24	169	3,770		
<u>ANIAK RIVER</u>						
1960	1,881	-	-	35,900	Entire	Fair
1961	497	-	-	352	Entire	Fair
1962	925	-	-	36,253	Entire	Fair
1966	2,184	-	-	5,681	Buckstock to Lake	Fair
1968	2,203	-	-	128,390	Buckstock to Kipchuk	Fair
1970	1,231	-	-	17,575	Buckstock to Waterboot	Fair
1975	202	125	-	12,025	Entire	Fair
1976	281	-	36	8,385	Kipchuk to Gemuk Mtn.	Fair
1978	-	-	140	-	Entire	Fair
<u>ANIAK</u>						
1980	-	-	7,035	-	Entire	Fair
1981	10,094	-	-	97,275	Entire	Fair

Appendix Table 13. Peak aerial salmon escapement index counts, Kuskokwim Area, 1960-1984 (continued) 1/

INDEX COUNT 1/							
YEAR	CHINOOK	SOCKEYE	COHO	CHUM	AREA SURVEYED 3/		RATING
<u>ANIAK (con't)</u>							
1982	2,210	20	0	31,990	Entire		Fair
1983	2,149	50	765	10,091	Entire		Fair
1984	814	200	-	9,139	Entire		Fair
ALL YEARS							
AVERAGE	2,056	99	1,994	32,754			
<u>SALMON RIVER (ANIAK)</u>							
1960	223	-	-	50	Entire		Good
1970	381	-	-	3,505	Lower 25 Miles		Fair
1974	35	-	-	312	Entire		Good
1975	32	-	-	1,620	Entire		Fair
1976	-	25	31	-	Entire		Fair
1977	520	-	-	625	Mouth to Marvel		Fair
1978	322	-	151	330	Entire		Fair
1980	1,186	-	412	14,815	Mouth to Cripple		Fair
1981	828	-	-	2,380	Entire		Fair
1982	126	30	-	175	Entire		Fair
1983	231	-	-	992	Entire		Fair
1984	13	-	-	100	Lower 25 miles		Poor
ALL YEARS							
AVERAGE	354	27	198	2,264			
<u>KIPCHUK RIVER</u>							
1960	513	-	-	70	Entire		Good
1966	491	-	-	3,132	Lower 22 Miles		Good
1967	319	-	-	3,000	Entire		Fair
1970	821	-	-	5,807	Mouth to bulldog		Fair
1974	75	-	-	45	Entire		Good
1975	94	-	-	905	Entire		Fair
1976	177	-	-	1,425	Mouth to Big Bend		Fair
1978	-	-	11	-	Entire		Fair
1980	193	-	209	1,260	Entire		Fair
1984	-	20	-	-	Incidental observation		-
ALL YEARS							
AVERAGE	335	20	110	1,956			

Appendix Table 13. Peak aerial salmon escapement index counts, Kuskokwim Area, 1960-1984 (continued) 1/

<u>INDEX COUNT 2/</u>						
YEAR	CHINOOK	SOCKEYE	COHO	CHUM	AREA SURVEYED 3/	RATING
<u>CHUKOWAN RIVER</u>						
1966	986	-	-	153	Mouth to Gemuk River	Good
1968	1,260	-	-	1,000	Mouth to Gemuk River	Fair
1970	1,118	75	-	1,900	Mouth to Gemuk River	Good
1973	229	-	-	15	Mouth to Gemuk River	Fair
1975	667	184	-	550	Mouth to Gemuk River	Fair
1976	727	76	-	696	Entire	Fair
1978	1,064	-	-	172	Mouth to Enatalik	Good
1982	236	1,372	6	180	Entire	Fair
ALL YEARS						
AVERAGE	786	427	6	583		
<u>SALMON RIVER (PITKA FORK)</u>						
1976	1,149	-	-	-	Middle Fork	Good
1977	1,930	-	-	-	Entire	Good
1978	1,083	-	-	-	Entire	Good
1979	667	-	-	-	Entire	Fair
1980	1,450	-	89	-	Entire	Fair
1981	1,474	-	-	-	Entire	Fair
1982	419	-	-	-	Entire	Fair
1983	572	-	-	-	Entire	Fair
1984	572	-	-	-	Entire	Fair
ALL YEARS						
AVERAGE	1,035	-	89	-		
<u>KOGRUKLUK RIVER</u>						
1961	214	70	-	-	Entire	Fair
1966	1,645	85	-	538	Entire	Good
1968	2,180	-	-	3,540	Entire	Fair
1970	1,598	315	-	4,150	Entire	Fair
1972	476	-	-	850	Entire	Fair
1975	1,080	646	-	3,973	Entire	Fair
1976	702	97	-	378	Tower to Marker	Fair
1977	1,342	614	-	606	Entire	Good
1980	540	980	-	3,500	Entire	Fair
ALL YEARS						
AVERAGE	1,086	401	-	2,192		

APPENDIX TABLE 13. Peak aerial salmon escapement index counts, Kuskokwim Area, 1960-1984 (continued) 1/

- 1/ Only years rated fair or good are included.
- 2/ Not to be considered an escapement estimate.
- 3/ Entire does not include turbid part of a stream near its mouth.

APPENDIX TABLE 14. Historic salmon escapement data from current Kuskokwim Area projects.

YEAR	OPERATING PERIOD	CHINOOK	SOCKEYE	COHO 2/	PINK 1/	CHUM
<u>KOGRUGLUK WEIR</u>						
1976	06/29 to 07/31	5,507	2,302	3/	-	8,046
1977	07/14 to 07/27	2,548	2,238	3/	2	21,746
1978	06/28 to 07/31	13,132	1,656	3/	2	47,099
1979	07/01 to 07/24	11,063	2,589	3/	1	15,277
1980	07/01 to 07/11	6,572	3,200	3/	1	41,777
1981	06/27 to 10/05	16,075	17,702	11,532	6	56,495
1982	07/09 to 09/14	10,990	20,654	38,961	19	51,853
1983	06/22 to 07/02	3,009	1,147	8,327	-	8,997
1984	06/19 to 09/15	4,928	4,130	29,824	-	41,484
<u>ANIAK SONAR 4/</u>						
1980	06/22 to 07/30	56,469	-	-	-	1,091,286
	08/16 to 09/12	-	-	81,566	-	-
1981	06/15 to 08/06	42,060	-	-	-	526,320
1982	06/21 to 08/01	33,864	-	-	-	389,226
1983	06/18 to 07/28	4,911	-	-	-	114,869
1984	06/16 to 07/30	-	-	-	-	254,872
<u>MIDDLE FORK</u>						
<u>GOODNEWS RIVER TOWER</u>						
1981	06/13 to 08/15	3,688	49,108	357	1,327	21,827
1982	06/23 to 08/03	1,395	56,255	62	13,855	6,767
1983	06/11 to 07/28	6,027	25,816	3/	34	15,548
1984	06/15 to 07/31	3,260	32,053	249	13,744	19,003

1/ Kogruluk Weir does not control the passage of pink salmon

2/ Weir did not operate during the coho salmon migration.

3/ No count or incomplete count as project is not operated during entire coho salmon migration.

4/ Aniak sonar counts are adjusted to provide the total estimated escape-ments presented here.

Appendix Table 15. Utilization of Kuskokwim River chum salmon,
1960-1984.

YEAR	COMMERCIAL CATCH 1/	SUBSISTENCE CATCH 2/	TOTAL UTILIZATION	PREVIOUS FIVE YEAR AVERAGE
1960		327,297	327,297	
1961		185,447	185,447	
1962		165,626	165,626	
1963		141,550	141,550	
1964		189,660	189,660	
1965		283,459	283,459	201,916
1966		174,660	174,660	193,148
1967	148	205,263	205,411	190,991
1968	187	260,023	260,210	190,991
1969	7,165	198,268	205,793	222,680
1970	1,664	245,550	247,214	225,906
1971	68,914	116,391	185,305	218,657
1972	78,619	120,316	198,935	220,786
1973	143,746	179,259	328,005	219,491
1974	171,887	277,170	449,057	233,050
1975	181,840	176,389	358,229	281,703
1976	177,864	227,765	405,269	303,906
1977	248,721	213,418	462,139	347,899
1978	248,656	131,049	379,706	400,539
1979	261,874	160,836	422,710	410,880
1980	483,751	163,196	646,947	405,611
1981	418,677	153,766	572,443	463,354
1982	278,306	190,036	468,432	496,789
1983	276,698	130,500 3/	407,198	498,048
1984	423,718 351,718	149,300 3/	573,018	503,546
Previous Five Year Average (1979-1983)	343,861	159,667	503,546	

1/ District W-1 and W-2.

2/ Includes minimal numbers of red, pink and coho salmon. Does not include coho that were accurately identified in the subsistence catch.

3/ Estimate based on limited survey.

Appendix Table 16. Kuskokwim River subsistence chinook salmon catches by village, 1960-1984.

VILLAGE	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Kwigillingok, Kipnuk, Kongiganak	250	282	54	229	414	0 1/	205	957	70	385
Eek	1,474 3/	2,238 3/	1,060 3/	2,697 3/	1,857	2,872	2,872	4,375	2,760	2,037
Tuntutuliak	226	2,226	842	3,853	1,826	1,978	3,061	3,338	2,026	2,195
Kasigluk	135	1,215	127	1,302	4/	513	1,875	2,766	1,360	2,279
Nunapitchuk	683	2,042	848	1,874	626	490	2,875	1,926	1,360	2,279
Atmauthluak 6/										
Napakiak	1,830	2,573	2,191	3,148	2,677	1,670	3,592	3,922	2,317	3,546
Oscarville	1,968	282	75	309	339	678	301	1,327	393	457
Napaskiak	536	1,258	759	1,569	2,201	1,412	2,935	3,091	1,647	2,227
Bethel	1,923	4,150	1,378	7,019	4,114	3,342	7,604	11,772	4,900	7,472
Kwethluk	2,692	3,763	2,329	5,050	3,262	4,538	6,135	6,889	3,549	3,187
Akiakchak	1,626	3,052	1,800	2,533	3,488	3,952	4,957	5,543	3,415	2,602
Akiak	1,865	3,159	906	2,869	2,495	1,774	3,941	3,790	1,332	1,275
Tuluksak	737	1,486	493	1,295	572	1,019	1,559	1,710	1,048	1,131
Lower Kalskag	961	571	805	2,661	710	841	1,918	1,733	1,463	2,083
Upper Kalskag	667	1,049	7/	7/	1,143	719	1,333	1,699	1,404	1,623
Aniak	1,057	688	185	602	1,104	494	2,002	1,415	467	1,406
Chuathbaluk	64	54	10	30	74	29	139	217	40	180
Napamute	20	16	44	52	134	2	78	60	100	19
Crooked Creek	747	518	561	859	1,358	363	1,249	638	77	541
Georgetown	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	12	ND	ND	9
Red Devil	ND	40	144 9/	228 9/	314 9/	ND	182	ND	111	142
Sleetmute	465	222	ND	ND	ND	491	149	343	200	267
Stony River	435	25	31	78	200	101	732	364	191	2,187
TOTAL	20,361	30,910	14,642	37,246	29,017	27,143	49,606	57,875	30,230	40,138

Appendix Table 16. Kuskokwim River subsistence chinook salmon catches by village, 1960-1984 (continued).

VILLAGE	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Kwigillingok, Kipnuk, Kongiganak	1,111	241	ND	75	ND	ND	197	743	75	ND
Eek	2,065	1,822	1,969	1,981	2,356	2,110	3,232	2,675	1,807	2,003
Tuntutuliak	3,558	1,841	3,214	2,859	1,577	3,492	4,807	2,470	1,656	2,268
Kasigluk	3,931	1,645	1,292	8,864	1,411	1,713	1,613	1,324	608	1,142
Nunapitchuk	4,680	1,940	2,496	2,663	1,165	2,092	2,578	2,622	2,178	2,109
Atmauthluak 6/	1,205	548	864	1,106	382	1,042	1,169	1,015	966	2,242
Napakiak	4,960	1,868	2,009	1,763	1,224	2,864	3,330	2,702	2,140	2,191
Oscarville	543	570	196	586	180	891	623	672	349	629
Napaskiak	3,446	1,916	1,578	2,048	900	2,303	3,655	1,989	2,122	2,085
Bethel	17,026	8,731	8,371	8,898	4,631	11,688	13,215	9,408	6,905	11,564
Kwethluk	7,932	5,564	5,137	3,444	2,694	3,179	4,193	5,563	3,172	6,919
Akiakchak	7,022	4,818	3,872	2,592	1,726	3,534	4,915	5,407	2,951	4,818
Akiak	3,290	2,688	1,899	1,895	1,292	2,837	3,076	2,880	1,850	3,567
Tuluksak	1,995	1,280	1,318	1,322	883	1,338	1,441	2,906	1,906	1,489
Lower Kalskag	2,196	2,355	2,604	1,309	1,586	2,755	4,536	1,750	1,951	2,821
Upper Kalskag	734	601	401	938	463	1,752	1,431	2,013	1,253	1,590
Aniak	2,136	1,076	2,105	1,030	1,952	1,391	1,490	4,991	1,331	2,634
Chuathbaluk	219	179	261	942	674	594	657	1,507	1,238	2,189
Napamute	22	17	20	13	6	16	420	176	144	149
Crooked Creek	684	291	183	269	650	238	264	619	488	728
Georgetown	2	0	0	0	ND	0	0	66	0	0
Red Devil	252	135	182	138	205	623	195	324	153	488
Sleetmute	161	181	69	504	269	256	356	684	456	988
Stony River	105	2,521 10/	95	287	429	861	653 10/	33	182	171
TOTAL	69,204	42,926	40,145	45,526	26,665	47,569	57,917	55,339	35,991	54,708

Appendix Table 16. Kuskokwim River subsistence chinook salmon catches by villages, 1960-1984 (continued).

VILLAGE	1980	1982	1982	1983	1984	PREVIOUS 5 YR. AVERAGE
Kwigillingok, Kipnuk, Kongignak	ND	ND	112	ND	ND	ND
Eek	1,557	1,731	2,578	2,040	ND	ND
Tuntutuliak	2,545	4,466	1,984	2,523	3,519	2,757
Kasigluk	1,704	3,377	3,155	ND	ND	ND
Nunapitchuk	2,612	2,918	2,577	2,688	ND	2,581
Atmauthluak 6/	1,288	1,247	1,752	ND	ND	ND
Napakiak	2,582	3,017	3,500	2,047	ND	2667
Oscarville	477	492	523	ND	ND	ND
Napaskiak	3,160	2,911	2,872	ND	ND	ND
Bethel	12,591	15,378	13,516	8,492	11,066	12,306
Kwethluk	7,627	6,167	5,897	ND	6,732	ND
Akiakchak	5,405	3,094	4,468	ND	5,588	ND
Akiak	3,355	2,380	2,745	ND	3,413	ND
Tuluksak	2,807	2,446	2,220	1,671	2,286	2,127
Lower Kalskag	3,917	3,271	2,594	ND	3,242	ND
Upper Kalskag	1,889	1,171	963	ND	657	ND
Aniak	2,750	3,102	2,071	3,174	1,847	2,746
Chuathbaluk	1,507	841	1,503	12/ ND	ND	ND
Napamute	90	45	138	ND	ND	ND
Crooked Creek	654	512	515	ND	ND	ND
Georgetown	93	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Red Devil	255	298	273	ND	ND	ND
Sleetmute	227	728	180	12/ ND	154	ND
Stony River	332	233	419	ND	ND	ND
TOTAL	59,509	59,669	56,515	46,888	11/ 57,206	11/ 55,458

Appendix Table 16. Kuskokwim River subsistence chinook salmon catches by village,
1960-1984, (continued).

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- 1/ Included with other villages.
 - 2/ Does not include 1965.
 - 3/ Estimates based on catch data through 1969.
 - 4/ Included with Eek.
 - 5/ Does not include 1964.
 - 6/ New village of Atmauthluak segregated in 1970
from parent village of Nunapitchuk.
 - 7/ Included with Lower Kalskag
 - 8/ Does not include 1962 and 1963.
 - 9/ Includes Sleetmute.
 - 10/ Includes Lime Village
 - 11/ Estimate from Tables 8 and 9.
 - 12/ Charnley, 1984.

Appendix Table 17. Kuskokwim River "other salmon" subsistence catches by village, 1960-1984.

VILLAGE	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
Kipnuk, Kongiganak and Kwigillingok	1,430	3,279	1,990	2,562	2,323	0	680
Eek	4,094	2,321 <u>3/</u>	2,072	1,771 <u>3/</u>	3,151	2,898	1,324
Tuntutuliak	4,101	8,526	9,692	6,791	8,421	18,993	9,747
Kasigluk	1,400	3,657	1,705	1,020	- <u>4/</u>	4,041	3,058
Nunapitchuk	2,743	4,868	7,474	2,462	1,171	4,251	4,145
Atmauthlauk							
Napkiak	19,888	5,789	6,167	3,711	12,312	12,928	9,275
Oscarville	3,948	1,680	1,723	1,025	487	8,010	407
Napaskiak	5,199	4,286	5,546	3,584	6,275	26,206	8,743
Bethel	12,972	12,845	8,470	8,623	15,623	19,009	14,011
Kwethluk	32,975	21,106	22,788	13,180	19,186	37,780	18,707
Akiakchak	15,932	12,518	10,521	6,725	10,096	25,138	15,049
Akiak	13,601	8,205	6,551	8,478	9,659	12,297	10,622
Tuluksak	19,261	7,928	8,526	10,289	9,777	12,820	11,670
Lower Kalskag	11,563	7,764	16,478	23,249	9,472	21,906	10,346
Upper Kalskag	38,938	27,149	- <u>5/</u>	- <u>5/</u>	11,391	11,970	6,236
Aniak	36,673	15,935	10,120	10,608	17,874	11,353	12,484
Chuathbaluk	22,370	2,922	3,784	2,629	5,059	6,507	5,625
Napamute	11,017	6,235	3,898	5,192	4,873	704	3,704
Crooked Creek	41,263	17,558	27,259	23,166	32,550	18,968	19,467
Georgetown	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	70
Red Devil	<u>6/</u>	1,358	9,007	5,637	5,706	<u>6/</u>	2,746
Sleetmute	7,259	6,884	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	11,707	2,611
Stony River	11,750	2,642	1,855	1,110	4,254	15,865	3,933
TOTALS	327,297	185,447	165,626	141,550	189,660	283,459	174,660

Appendix Table 17. Kuskokwim River "other salmon" subsistence catches by village, 1960-1984 (continued).

VILLAGE	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Kipnuk, Kongiganak and Kwigillingok	2,846	2,800	2,481	3,937	1,110	1,284	807
Eek	1,922	3,503	3,436	4,855	2,213	783	2,401
Tuntutuliak	11,531	14,090	17,462	10,600	9,964	11,103	13,572
Kasigluk	2,309	4,311	3,308	5,731	2,043	1,934	6,090
Nunapitchuk	6,278	7,731	6,934	11,412	3,375	5,600	7,663
Atmauthluak			1,191	1,197	947	2,818	
Napakiak	12,685	12,700	12,390	16,371	4,427	5,191	8,461
Oscarville	2,580	2,104	2,743	4,669	1,675	498	3,081
Napaskiak	8,585	12,409	11,655	11,169	7,039	8,858	8,478
Bethel	14,055	28,603	14,613	33,475	9,905	16,885	33,930
Kwethluk	23,872	36,645	23,462	27,702	13,941	11,721	19,565
Akiakchak	13,584	19,461	10,306	29,776	12,298	9,266	9,864
Akiak	9,332	13,775	9,854	13,003	9,264	5,108	6,118
Tuluksak	8,898	11,114	6,058	7,626	6,115	5,145	5,946
Lower Kalskag	16,018	8,114	8,468	11,158	3,509	3,490	2,873
Upper Kalskag	8,364	9,733	9,413	5,309	3,530	1,460	5,607
Aniak	16,788	17,341	15,127	10,030	4,933	5,243	13,547
Chuathbaluk	7,249	11,588	7,523	10,971	5,632	8,509	14,171
Napamute	5,750	1,774	1,453	1,224	1,862	4,465	3,451
Crooked Creek	14,365	12,704	6,810	9,216	3,094	3,658	1,981
Georgetwon	6/	2,030	3,664	800	0	0	10
Red Devil	6/	2,400	1,130	2,454	1,067	1,695	2,782
Sleetmute	6,875	11,218	8,258	4,464	3,203	4,293	2,160
Stony River	11,377	13,875	12,080	8,407	5,995	3,000	3,875
TOTALS	205,263	260,023	198,268	245,550	116,391	120,316	179,259

Appendix Table 17. Kuskokwim River "other salmon" subsistence catches by village, 1960-1984 (continued).

VILLAGE	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Kongiganak, Kipnuk and Kwigillingok	9/	9/	902	2,190	78	0
Eek	4,227	2,754	4,425	3,251	1,874	1,125
Tuntutuliak	28,321	7,429	8,440	9,340	5,564	5,632
Kasigluk	6,773	3,708	4,050	3,504	1,242	2,617
Nunapitchuk	12,498	5,447	6,551	8,991	4,977	5,737
Atmauthluak	4,585	2,524	3,446	3,693	3,860	5,287
Napakiak	21,494	11,630	9,477	8,420	6,074	8,019
Oscarville	5,617	3,237	2,416	2,030	1,276	969
Napaskiak	20,467	12,930	21,518	11,588	9,286	5,773
Bethel	34,882	26,808	26,970	15,982	13,731	31,040
Kwethluk	39,747	19,183	27,120	28,193	14,038	16,861
Akiachak	15,108	14,008	16,050	18,607	9,445	10,459
Akiak	18,434	18,890	12,337	13,952	9,237	12,218
Tuluksak	13,261	7,819	11,833	7,835	4,478	5,249
Lower Kalskag	12,265	9,823	17,169	8,964	3,704	9,134
Upper Kalskag	9,631	6,904	8,694	11,845	7,279	6,117
Aniak	9,305	9,597	13,507	21,610	8,042	15,274
Chuathbaluk	4,287	561	7,967	5,141	4,885	6,646
Napamute	76	226	1,653	4,969	1,887	2,103
Crooked Creek	4,954	2,461	3,236	3,072	2,469	3,141
Georgetwon	9/	9/	9/	1,127	9/	0
Red Devil	2,688	4,491	4,231	5,916	6,161	8,286
Sleetmute	4,212	5,761	7,628	6,674	7,917	8,262
Stony River	4,328	5,202	8,474 8/	3,300	3,545	3,355
TOTALS	277,170	176,389	228,104	210,194	131,049	149,147

Appendix Table 17. Kuskokwim River "other salmon" subsistence catches by village, 1960-1984 (continued).

VILLAGE	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	PREVIOUS 5 YEAR AVERAGE 10/
Kongiganak, Kipnuk and Kwigillingok	0	0	486	N/A	N/A	N/A
Eek	2,177	1,517	1,012	1,441	N/A	N/A
Tuntutuliak	8,961	5,943	8,500	3,585	5,103	6,524
Kasigluk	5,684	3,144	6,876	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nunapitchuk	6,626	5,501	8,646	7,137	N/A	6,729
Atmauthluak	4,794	3,856	4,787	N/A	N/A	N/A
Napakiak	8,123	7,099	8,618	3,120	N/A	6,372
Oscarville	1,395	1,260	1,665	N/A	N/A	N/A
Napaskiak	7,391	7,653	10,139	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bethel	33,198	42,798	37,857	20,267	18,863	33,032
Kwethluk	24,564	11,506	16,837	N/A	14,516	N/A
Akiachak	15,172	6,533	13,803	N/A	13,214	N/A
Akiak	10,596	11,718	9,339	N/A	8,027	N/A
Tuluksak	9,963	6,763	5,040	5,077	9,407	6,418
Lower Kalskag	8,903	4,625	6,925	N/A	8,886	N/A
Upper Kalskag	6,932	6,916	5,362	N/A	2,568	N/A
Aniak	14,067	13,494	14,946	23,549	8,849	16,661
Chuathbaluk	4,148	8,567	11,420 <u>12/</u>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Napamute	3,049	740	2,392	N/A	N/A	N/A
Crooked Creek	7,165	7,985	3,622	N/A	N/A	N/A
Georgetown	1,042	<u>7/</u>	<u>9/</u>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Red Devil	5,133	6,183	7,380	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sleetmute	10,934	9,805	2,936	N/A	2,208	N/A
Stony River	2,967	2,303	2,198	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTALS	202,714	174,716	185,598	(130,502)	(149,300)	168,535

Appendix Table 17. Kuskokwim River "other salmon" subsistence catches by village, 1960-198 (continued).

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- 1/ Catches include a majority of chum salmon but include small numbers of red, coho, pink and small king salmon.
 - 2/ 1965 to 1975 catches do not include late coho salmon catches..
 - 3/ Estimate based on catch data through 1970.
 - 4/ Included with Eek.
 - 5/ Included with Lower Kalskag.
 - 6/ Data not available.
 - 7/ Included with Red Devil.
 - 8/ Includes Lime Village.
 - 9/ Surveys not conducted.
 - 10/ 1979-1983.
 - 11/ Harvest estimate see Tables 8 and 9.
 - 12/ Charnley, 1984.

Appendix Table 18. Comparative chinook salmon catches by fishing period in District 1, Kuskokwim River. 1/

YEAR	DATE	CATCH	FISHERMEN	FISHERMEN HOURS	CATCH/ HR.
1974	June 10-11	4,384	422	5,064	0.9
	June 13-14	5,790	488	5,957	1.0
	June 17-18	5,857	506	6,072	1.0
	Subtotal 2/	16,031	606	16,992	0.9
	June 27	558	267	1,602	0.4
	July 01-02	561	380	4,560	0.08
	July 04-05	196	282	3,384	0.06
	July 08-09	286	376	4,512	0.06
	July 18	31	190	1,140	0.03
	TOTAL	17,663	666	32,190	0.5
1975	June 16	359	12	72	5.0
	June 19-20	1,031	46	552	1.9
	June 23-24	17,235	483	5,796	2.9
	Subtotal 2/	18,625	541	6,420	2.9
	June 30	691	279	1,674	0.4
	July 03	636	360	2,160	0.3
	July 07	421	369	2,214	0.2
	July 10	195	304	1,824	0.1
	July 14	179	326	1,956	0.1
	TOTAL	20,747	539	16,248	1.2
1976	June 17	6,962	459	2,754	2.5
	June 21	13,048	495	2,970	4.4
	Subtotal 2/	20,010	954	5,724	3.4
	June 28	4,143	348	2,088	2.0
	July 01	1,550	415	2,490	0.6
	July 08	894	381	2,286	0.4
	July 12	377	344	2,262	0.2
	July 15	236	265	1,590	0.1
	Totals	27,177	674	16,440	1.7

Appendix Table 18. Comparative chinook salmon catches by fishing period in District 1, Kuskokwim River. 1/

YEAR	DATE	CATCH	FISHERMEN	FISHERMEN HOURS	CATCH/ HR.
1977	June 15	12,458	467	2,802	4.5
	June 20	16,227	484	2,904	5.6
	Subtotal 2/	28,685	563	5,706	5.0
	June 27	1,337	378	2,268	0.6
	June 30	504	409	2,454	0.2
	July 04	266	331	1,986	0.1
	July 07	407	368	2,208	0.2
	July 14	153	385	2,310	0.06
	TOTAL	31,352	653	16,932	1.8
1978	June 09	7,590	509	3,054	2.5
	June 14	6,142	266	1,596	3.9
	June 16	12,341	396	2,376	5.2
	June 22	1,724	72	288	6.0
	June 23	8,342	429	1,716	4.9
	Subtotal 2/	36,139	615	9,030	4.0
	June 26	1,964	499	2,694	0.7
	June 29	1,759	422	2,652	0.7
	July 03	894	476	2,856	0.3
	July 06	1,460	485	5,820	0.3
	July 10	694	428	5,136	0.1
	July 13	293	422	2,532	0.1
	TOTAL	43,203	617	30,720	1.4
1979	June 11	12,270	523	3,138	3.9
	June 15	12,363	549	3,294	3.8
	Subtotal 2/	24,633	591	6,432	3.8
	June 22	5,651	502	3,012	1.9
	June 26	2,277	531	3,186	0.7
	June 29	1,583	542	3,252	0.3
	July 03	1,233	542	3,252	0.4
	July 10	470	520	3,120	0.2
	TOTAL	35,847	617	22,254	1.6

Appendix Table 18. Comparative chinook salmon catches by fishing period in District 1, Kuskokwim River. 1/

YEAR	DATE	CATCH	FISHERMEN	FISHERMEN HOURS	CATCH/ HR.
1980	June 12	9,891	469	2,814	3.5
	June 18	16,921	468	2,808	6.0
	Subtotal 2/	26,812	553	5,622	4.8
	June 23	4,777	426	2,616	1.8
	June 26	1,460	408	2,448	0.6
	July 02	498	383	2,298	0.2
	July 09	445	431	2,586	0.2
	TOTAL	33,992	597	15,570	2.2
1981	June 10	11,897	489	2,934	4.1
	June 16	17,985	541	3,246	5.5
	Subtotal 2/	29,882	589	6,180	4.8
	June 22	3,830	511	3,066	1.25
	June 25	2,000	508	3,048	0.66
	June 30	2,563	484	2,904	0.88
	July 02	1,707	459	2,754	0.62
	July 06	1,088	461	2,766	0.39
	July 09	491	440	2,640	0.37
	TOTAL	42,011	613	23,358	1.80
1982	June 14	4,912	464	2,784	1.8
	June 17	11,285	496	2,892	3.8
	June 21	13,343	499	2,994	4.5
	June 24	8,548	459	1,836	4.7
	Subtotal 2/	38,088	610	10,506	3.6
	June 28	1,943	352	1,408	1.38
	June 30	2,064	483	1,932	1.07
	July 02	1,095	434	1,736	0.63
	July 05	875	372	2,232	0.39
	July 08	748	435	2,610	0.29
	July 12	307	354	2,124	0.14
	TOTAL	45,120	610	22,548	2.00

Appendix Table 18. Comparative chinook salmon catches by fishing period in District 1, Kuskokwim River. 1/

(Continued)

YEAR	DATE	CATCH	FISHERMEN	FISHERMEN HOURS	CATCH/ HR.
1983	June 13	7,445	489	2,934	2.54
	June 16	5,961	450	2,700	2.21
	Subtotal 2/	13,406	544	5,634	2.38
	June 20	4,776	474	2,844	1.68
	June 23	3,287	450	2,700	1.22
	June 27	2,566	446	2,676	0.96
	June 30	2,359	547	3,282	0.72
	July 04	1,213	443	2,658	0.46
	July 07	1,202	496	2,976	0.40
	July 11	633	466	2,796	0.23
	TOTAL	16,036	619	25,566	0.63
1984	June 18	10,845	484	2,904	3.73
	June 21	6,336	443	2,658	2.38
	Subtotal 2/	17,181	520	5,562	3.08
	June 25	3,018	466	2,796	1.08
	June 28	2,625	470	2,820	0.93
	July 02	1,988	483	2,898	0.69
	July 05	1,218	426	2,556	0.48
	July 09	1,211	496	2,976	0.41
	July 12	858	436	2,616	0.33
	July 16	744	373	2,238	0.33
	TOTAL	28,843	587	24,462	1.18

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1986 1/ The catch totals exclude small numbers of chinook salmon taken in late July and August.

2/ Unrestricted mesh size.

Appendix Table 19. Commercial chum salmon catches by fishing period during the chum salmon season, Kuskokwim River (District 1) 1971-1984.

YEAR	DATE	CATCH	FISHERMEN	FISHERMEN HOURS	CATCH/HR.
1971	June 28-29	11,386	150	1,80	6.3
	July 01-02	8,949	111	1,332	6.7
	July 05-06	17,672	104	1,248	14.2
	July 08-09	12,603	93	1,116	11.3
	July 12-13	2,550	18	216	11.8
	July 15-16	8,000	69	828	9.7
	July 19-20	5,989	71	852	7.0
	TOTALS	67,149	216	7,392	9.1
1972	June 29-30	9,863	87	1,044	9.4
	July 03-04	19,084	115	1,380	13.8
	July 06-07	19,839	101	1,212	16.4
	July 10-11	13,972	113	1,356	10.3
	July 13-14	6,290	80	960	6.6
	TOTALS	69,048	176	5,952	11.6
1973	June 25-26	19,073	202	2,424	7.9
	June 28-29	47,258	250	6,000	7.9
	July 02-03	21,410	242	2,904	7.4
	July 05-06	31,056	212	2,544	12.2
	July 09-10	24,593	217	2,604	9.4
	TOTALS	143,390	341	16,476	8.7
1974	June 27	27,017	267	1,602	16.9
	July 01-02	55,356	380	4,560	12.1
	July 04-05	27,211	282	3,384	8.0
	July 08-09	50,672	376	4,512	11.2
	July 18	6,661	190	1,140	5.8
	TOTALS	166,917	467	15,198	11.0
1975	June 30	31,216	279	1,674	18.6
	July 03	35,525	360	2,160	16.0
	July 07	39,369	396	2,214	17.8
	July 10	39,910	304	1,824	21.9
	July 14	21,092	326	1,956	10.8
	TOTALS	167,112	539	9,828	17.0

Appendix Table 19. (continued)

YEAR	DATE	CATCH	FISHERMEN	FISHERMEN HOURS	CATCH/HR.
1976	June 28	42,464	348	2,088	20.3
	July 01	44,024	415	2,490	17.7
	July 08	48,669	381	2,286	21.3
	July 12	21,153	377	2,262	9.4
	July 15	14,176	265	1,590	8.9
	TOTALS	170,486	517	10,716	15.9
1977	June 27	40,321	378	2,268	17.8
	June 30	58,884	409	2,454	24.0
	July 04	37,500	331	1,986	18.9
	July 07	56,943	368	2,208	25.8
	July 14	24,765	385	2,310	10.7
	TOTALS	218,413	522	11,226	19.5
1978	June 26	44,296	449	2,694	16.4
	June 29	36,793	442	2,652	13.9
	July 03	26,629	476	2,856	9.3
	July 06	48,031	485	5,820	8.3
	July 10	48,931	428	5,136	9.5
	July 13	14,935	422	2,532	5.9
	TOTALS	219,615	617	21,690	10.1
1979	June 22	32,295	502	3,012	10.7
	June 26	53,648	531	3,186	16.8
	June 29	48,643	542	3,252	14.9
	July 03	83,164	542	3,252	25.6
	July 10	32,434	520	3,120	10.4
	TOTALS	250,184	617	15,822	15.8
1980	June 23	105,825	436	2,616	40.5
	June 26	131,945	408	2,448	53.9
	July 02	122,613	383	2,298	53.4
	July 09	90,233	431	2,586	34.9
	TOTALS	450,616	579	9,948	45.2

Appendix Table 19. (continued)

YEAR	DATE	CATCH	FISHERMEN	FISHERMEN HOURS	CATCH/HR.
1981	June 22	78,168	511	3,066	25.5
	June 25	81,431	508	3,048	26.7
	June 30	51,942	484	2,904	17.9
	July 02	58,594	459	2,754	21.3
	July 06	55,799	461	2,766	20.2
	July 09	66,138	440	2,640	25.0
	TOTALS	392,072	613	17,178	22.8
1982	June 28	58,528	352	1,408	41.6
	June 30	47,773	483	1,932	24.7
	July 02	38,918	434	1,736	22.4
	July 05	29,315	372	2,232	13.1
	July 08	28,942	435	2,610	11.9
	July 12	20,709	354	2,124	9.8
	TOTALS	224,185	576	12,042	18.6
1983	June 20	28,915	474	2,844	10.2
	June 23	24,625	450	2,700	9.1
	June 27	44,802	446	2,676	16.7
	June 30	55,209	547	3,282	16.8
	July 04	46,176	443	2,658	17.4
	July 07	36,965	496	2,976	12.4
	July 11	20,560	466	2,769	7.4
	TOTALS	257,252	619	19,905	12.9
1984	June 25	91,773	466	2,796	32.8
	June 28	67,120	470	2,820	23.8
	July 02	69,897	483	2,898	24.1
	July 05	54,981	426	2,556	21.5
	July 09	36,440	496	2,976	12.1
	July 12	24,269	436	2,616	9.3
	July 16	18,613	373	2,238	8.3
	TOTALS	363,093	587	18,900	19.2

APPENDIX TABLE 20. Commercial coho salmon catches by week, lower Kuskokwim River (District 1), 1974-1984.

YEAR	DATE	CATCH	FISHERMEN	FISHERMEN HOURS	CATCH/HR.
1974	Aug 01-02	9,576	267	3,444	2.8
	Aug 05-08	59,090	444	31,968	1.9
	Aug 12-15	58,066	396	28,512	2.0
	Aug 19-22	12,301	263	18,936	0.6
	Aug 26-29	5,360	107	7,704	0.7
	Sept 02-05	430	25	1,815	0.2
	TOTALS	144,823	516	92,379	1.6
1975	Aug 01	2,357	142	852	2.8
	Aug 04-06	12,500	292	14,016	0.9
	Aug 11-13	18,551	373	17,904	1.0
	Aug 18-20	34,435	388	18,624	1.9
	Aug 25-27	16,277	270	12,960	1.3
	TOTALS	84,120	531	64,356	1.3
1976	Aug 02-03	10,534	286	6,864	1.5
	Aug 09-11	29,728	400	19,200	1.5
	Aug 16-18	28,664	387	18,576	1.5
	Aug 23-25	14,543	300	14,400	1.0
	Aug 30-31	4,420	174	7,308	0.6
	TOTALS	87,889	516	66,348	1.3
1977	Aug 1- 2	23,987	360	8,640	2.8
	Aug 08-10	91,474	487	23,376	3.9
	Aug 15-16	60,935	438	10,512	5.8
	Aug 18	25,589	378	4,536	5.6
	Aug 22	16,980	361	4,332	3.9
	Aug 25	11,874	264	3,168	3.8
	Aug 29	6,819	204	2,448	2.8
	TOTALS	237,658	572	57,012	4.2
1978	Aug 01	6,311	297	3,564	1.7
	Aug 04	9,455	364	4,368	2.2
	Aug 08	20,501	433	5,196	5.5
	Aug 11	42,428	485	5,820	7.3
	Aug 15	48,950	476	5,712	8.6
	Aug 18	29,485	434	5,208	5.7
	Aug 22	22,287	396	4,752	4.7
	Aug 25	11,168	293	3,516	3.2
	Aug 29	12,215	250	3,000	4.1
	TOTALS	210,790	597	41,136	5.2

APPENDIX TABLE 20. (continued)

YEAR	DATE	CATCH	FISHERMEN	FISHERMEN HOURS	CATCH/HR.
1979	Aug 02	52,276	478	5,736	9.1
	Aug 06	53,797	480	2,880	18.7
	Aug 09	26,422	497	2,982	8.9
	Aug 13	27,915	463	2,778	10.1
	Aug 16	21,675	467	2,802	7.7
	Aug 20	19,445	390	2,340	8.3
	Aug 23	5,376	328	1,968	2.7
	Aug 27	6,342	310	3,720	1.7
	Aug 30	2,182	179	2,148	1.0
	TOTALS	215,430	613	27,354	7.9
1980	Aug 02	9,889	375	2,250	4.4
	Aug 07	36,126	455	2,730	13.2
	Aug 11	35,178	482	2,892	12.2
	Aug 14	28,211	439	2,634	10.7
	Aug 18	43,748	441	2,646	16.5
	Aug 21	33,274	419	2,514	13.2
	Aug 25	19,264	370	2,220	8.7
	Aug 28	13,484	319	1,914	7.0
	TOTALS	219,174	586	19,800	11.1
1981	Aug 03	16,184	430	2,580	6.3
	Aug 06	13,885	441	2,646	5.3
	Aug 10	26,972	445	2,670	10.1
	Aug 13	46,252	473	2,838	16.6
	Aug 17	34,739	458	2,748	12.6
	Aug 20	24,184	380	2,280	10.6
	Aug 24	23,771	372	2,232	10.6
	Aug 27	13,785	346	2,076	6.6
	Aug 31	8,096	278	1,668	4.8
	TOTALS	207,868	586	21,738	9.6
1982	July 29	19,561	416	2,496	7.8
	Aug 02	31,944	388	2,328	13.7
	Aug 05	35,766	455	2,670	13.4
	Aug 09	61,231	442	2,652	23.1
	Aug 12	80,685	449	2,694	30.0
	Aug 16	77,785	420	2,520	30.9
	Aug 19	49,566	403	2,418	20.5
	Aug 23	25,218	349	2,094	12.0
	Aug 26	26,761	314	1,884	14.2
	Aug 30	26,815	302	1,812	14.8
	TOTALS	435,332	597	23,568	18.5

APPENDIX TABLE 20. (continued)

YEAR	DATE	CATCH	FISHERMEN	FISHERMEN HOURS	CATCH/HR.
1983	Aug 01	9,767	377	2,262	4.3
	Aug 04	15,389	430	2,580	5.9
	Aug 08	34,541	383	2,298	15.0
	Aug 11	35,268	485	2,910	12.1
	Aug 15	24,072	462	2,772	8.7
	Aug 18	22,822	408	2,448	9.3
	Aug 22	34,918	388	2,328	15.0
	Aug 26	19,039	323	1,938	9.8
	TOTALS	195,816	577	19,536	10.0
1984	July 30	56,609	459	2,754	20.6
	Aug 02	79,240	401	2,406	32.9
	Aug 06	84,406	542	4,878	17.3
	Aug 09	80,990	523	4,707	17.2
	Aug 13	80,268	504	4,536	17.7
	Aug 16	78,342	502	4,518	17.3
	Aug 20	63,829	491	4,419	14.4
	Aug 23	49,372	481	4,329	11.4
	Aug 27	16,472	350	3,150	5.2
	Aug 30	11,222	210	1,890	5.9
	Sept 03	1,603	60	360	4.5
	Sept 06	1,877	39	234	8.0
	TOTALS	604,230		38,181	15.8

Appendix Table 2i. Summary of important regulation changes affecting the commercial herring fishery in Security Cove and Goodnews Bay districts, 1977-1984.

YEAR	ACTION TAKEN	EXPLANATION
1977	Established commercial fishing districts of Security Cove and Goodnews Bay.	Security Cove district defined as all waters between the latitude of then northern most point of Carter Spit and the latitude of Cape Newenham, excluding Goodnews Bay. The Goodnews Bay consists of the portion of Goodnews Bay inside a line between markers placed near the bay entrance and a line between markers placed near the mouth of the Ufigag River and on the opposite shore near the mouth of the Tunulik River.
	Specified that herring may be taken by the use of purse seines, and gill nets in the Security Cove district. Gill nets only could be used in the Goodnews Bay district.	To identify appropriate gear types to be operated in these districts.
	Established purse seine and gillnets specifications.	In both districts, the gill net mesh size was restricted to not less than 2 1/8 inches and not more than 3 inches. Total of 150 fathoms of the herring gill net permitted to be operated from single licensed fishing vessel; no single herring gill net allowed to exceed 50 fathoms. In Security Cove seines were restricted to maximum of 850 meshes in depth, no seine was permitted to be more than 150 fathoms in length.

Appendix Table 21. Summary of important regulation changes affecting the commercial herring fishery in Security Cove and Goodnews Bay districts, 1977-1984 (continued).

YEAR	ACTION TAKEN	EXPLANATION
1977	Established harvest guideline of 100 metric tons for Goodnews Bay district, and 350 metric tons for Security Cove district.	To provide for conservative development of the Security Cove and Goodnews Bay commercial herring fishery.
1978	Established the commercial season from May through June 30 in the Security Cove district and provided for the fishing season to be opened and closed by emergency order in the Goodnews Bay district.	To provide for more discretely defined fishing seasons by regulation. Resulted in establishing primarily a sac roe fishery.
	Eliminate the use of purse seines in the Security Cove district.	To provide for a limited harvest by gear type and consequently allow a more even harvest from a wider segment of the herring population.
	Reduced the aggregate length for herring gill nets to 100 fathoms in the Security Cove and Goodnews Bay districts.	To minimize potential gear conflicts.
	Closed Waters section adopted.	To restrict the fishing activities to the areas where herring has been identified.
	Prohibited any commercial harvest of herring spawn and herring spawn on kelp.	To protect the herring spawning grounds in areas where relatively small herring populations are present.
1979	Increase the harvest guidelines to 750 and 300 metric tons in the Security Cove and Goodnews Bay districts, respectively.	To allow an increased commercial harvest in these districts.

Appendix Table 21. Summary of important regulation changes affecting the commercial herring fishery in Security Cove and Goodnews Bay districts, 1977-1984 (continued).

YEAR	ACTION TAKEN	EXPLANATION
1979	Establish a new section to deal with buyer reporting requirements.	Require that processors register with the Department upon arrival on the fishing grounds. Processors shall identify all tenders and establish a daily schedule to report herring purchased. Fish tickets are to be submitted prior to a buyer leaving the district or within 10 days after the closure of the commercial fishery.
1980	Established the opening of the Security Cove and Goodnews Bay herring fishery by emergency field order.	To allow for a flexible inseason management strategy.
	Reduced the total gear limit in the Security Cove and Goodnews Bay district to be not more than 100 fathoms. Provide for a single gill net to be less than 50 fathoms, providing the gill net is attached to a commercial herring fishing vessel and net is personally attended by an interim use or permit holder.	To minimize the gear congestion present in this district and to allow for test or sample fishing. This test fish would allow fishermen to evaluate the quality of a school of herring, leading to overall decrease in wastage of unmarketable herring.
1981	None	
1982	None	
1983	None	
1984	None	

Appendix Table 22. Estimated biomass of Pacific herring in the Kuskokwim Area, 1978-1984.

DISTRICT	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
Estimated Biomass in mt 1/							
Security Cove	1,200	19,500	1,100	7,500	4,600 2/	5,800	4,600
Goodnews Bay	400	6,700 2/	1,000 2/	3,900	2,400 2/	2,900	3,700
Nelson Island	5,400	5,400 2/	1,100 2/	3,600	3,600 2/	6,600	10,000
Nunivak Island	731	-	-	17	-	6,900	6,074
TOTAL	7,731	31,600	7,600	15,017	10,600	22,200	24,374

- 1/ Adjusted for presence of non-herring pelagic species. Estimated for 1978 and 1979 represent low end of estimate ranges from Barton and Steinhoff (1980), 1980 estimates from Kingsbury (1980).
- 2/ Incomplete data due to inclement weather and/or turbid waters, biomass estimates are questionable and are based on 1978 or 1981 data.

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Appendix Table 23. Herring commercial harvest data for Security Cove and Goodnews Bay districts, 1978-1984.

DISTRICT	HARVEST (m.t)	EXPLOITATION RATE	ROE PERCENT	ESTIMATED VALUE (\$'s)
<u>1 9 7 8</u>				
Security Cove	259	21.6		-
Goodnews Bay	0	-	(40 lbs)	-
<u>1 9 7 9</u>				
Security Cove	385	2.0	8.5	\$327,000
Goodnews Bay	82	1.2	4.7	38,500
<u>1 9 8 0</u>				
Security Cove	632	57.4	8.2	151,000
Goodnews Bay	406	36.9	9.5	97,000
<u>1 9 8 1</u>				
Security Cove	1,064	14.2	8.1	374,000
Goodnews Bay	596	15.3	7.7	196,000
<u>1 9 8 2</u>				
Security Cove	737	15.9	9.3	284,000
Goodnews Bay	441	18.3	9.5	167,000
<u>1 9 8 3</u>				
Security Cove	973	16.8	9.4	450,000
Goodnews Bay	395	16.5	9.4	180,000
<u>1 9 8 4</u>				
Security Cove	295	6.6	11.8	110,000
Goodnews Bay	605	17.5	10.1	168,000

Appendix Table 24. Number of buyers and fishermen participating in commercial herring fisheries in Security Cove and Goodnews Bay districts, 1978-1984.

DISTRICT	NUMBER OF BUYERS	NUMBER OF FISHERMEN	
		GILL NET	PURSE SEINE
<u>1978</u>			
Security Cove	3	-	7
Goodnews Bay	0	1	0
<u>1979</u>			
Security Cove	2	61	CLOSED
Goodnews Bay	1	41	
<u>1980</u>			
Security Cove	8	175	TO
Goodnews Bay	4	165	
<u>1981</u>			
Security Cove	7	113	PURSE
Goodnews Bay	5	175	
<u>1982</u>			
Security Cove	3	107	SEINE
Goodnews Bay	3	84	
<u>1983</u>			
Security Cove	3	94	
Goodnews Bay	3	63	
<u>1984</u>			
Security Cove	4	38	
Goodnews Bay	4	130	

Appendix Table 25. Subsistence herring catch (in metric tons) and effort data for selected villages, eastern Bering Sea, Alaska 1975-1984 1/

VILLAGE	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983 2/	1984 3/
<u>NELSON ISLAND</u>										
Tununak	19.8	13.9	51.9	34.6	31.0	59.2	36.0	43.8	85.0	-
Umkumiut	30.0	8.5	2.8	10.4	7.5	3.1	9.0	0	-	-
Toksook Bay	31.0	31.8	19.3	33.5	46.5	26.6	13.0	31.6	-	-
TOTAL	80.8	61.2	74.0	78.5	85.0	88.9	58.0	75.4	85.0	-
Number of Fishing Families	109	42	90	83	54	70	93	65	43	-
<u>OTHER KUSKOKWIM VILLAGES</u>										
Kwigillingok	-	9.6	0.9	-	7.2	12.0	-	12.0 2/	-	-
TOTAL CATCH	80.8	70.8	74.9	78.5	92.2	100.9	58.0	87.4	85.0	-

1/ Other areas with small catches have been surveyed irregularly (1975-1978 estimated total coastal yearly subsistence catch averaged 100 m.t.).

2/ Survey by Subsistence Division, no survey by C.F. due to limited funds.

3/ No survey was conducted in 1984 due to limited funds.

Appendix Table 26. Area 4E Halibut catches in pounds. 1/

YEAR	POUNDS
1982	8,148
1983	35,248
1984	35,000

1/ From International Pacific Halibut Commission.

